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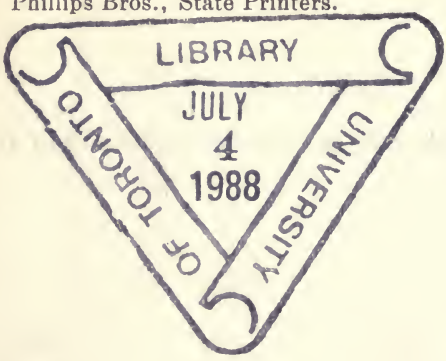

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INTRODUCTION.

The State of Illinois has been very negligent in the care of its public records. Many of these records important from an historical point of view have never been published, and many more have been irrecoverably lost. The removal of the capital from Kaskaskia to Vandalia and later to Springfield occasioned the loss of many valuable documents. The indifference of the earlier legislatures and officials, to the fate of those records which had only an historical interest, explains the disappearance of some of the most valuable sources of our history.

The creation of the Illinois State Historical Library Board in the year 1889 was the first official recognition by the State of the importance of cultivating the field of State History and of preserving and publishing its sources; but it was not until the last legislature that an appropriation was made for printing any of the original material.

The present number of the publications of the Historical Library Board contains two important documents neither of which, to our knowledge, has ever been printed before, and if printed, all copies have disappeared. These documents are: The Executive Register of the Illinois Territory from 1809, the beginning of the territorial government, to its close in 1818. The second is, the Journals of the Session of the First General Assembly of the Illinois Territory, convened at Kaskaskia, September 12, 1812, and adjourned the 26th of December of the same year. The Upper House of the Legislature was called at that time the Legislative Council, and the Lower House, the House of Kepresentatives. The Journals, of course, explain themselves. They are the brief records of the minutes of the meetings of the two houses. The Executive Register is a list of the official acts of the governor, and might be called "The Governor's Minute Book."

The original documents are contained in two volumes bound in sheep on file in the Secretary of State's office in Springfield; one of them is in an excellent state of preservation; the other is decayed, and should be rewritten for the regular document file of the office.

The Library Board hopes to continue the series until all the unpublished records of the Territorial period are in print.

It is a great pleasure, as well as a duty, to acknowledge the kind assistance of Mr. S. L. Spear, chief of the Index Department in the Secretary of State's office,who has kindly had these records copied, examined and recompared with the original records. There are likely to be mistakes in all such printed volumes as the present, but great care has been taken to reduce them to as small a number as possible.

EDMUND J. JAMES.

EXECUTIVE REGISTER FOR THE ILLINOIS TERRITORY COMMENCING THE 25TH DAY OF APRIL, 1809.

JAMES MADISON, *President of the United States of America. To All Who Shall See These Presents. Greeting:*

Know Ye, That reposing special trust and confidence in the integrity, diligance and abilities of Nathaniel Pope, of the Louisiana Territory, I have nominated, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint him Secretary in and for the Illinois Territory; and do authorize and impower him to execute and fulfill the duties of that office according to law, and to have and to hold the said office, with all the powers, privileges and emoluments to the same of right appertaining for the term of four years, from the day of the date hereof, unless the President of the United States for the time being should be pleased sooner to revoke and determine the commission.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused these letters to be made patent and the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand, at the city of Washington, the seventh day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the thirty-third. JAMES MADISON.

By the President.

R. SMITH,
Secretary of State.

APRIL 25th, 1809.

TERRITORY OF LOUISIANA.

Be it Remembered, That on the twenty-fifth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and nine, personally appeared before me, Otho Shrader, one of the Judges in and over the Territory of Louisiana, Nathaniel Pope, Esquire, appointed secretary in and for the Illinois Territory, by commission of the President of the United States, bearing date the seventh day of march, last past, and took the following oath, to-wit: That he will support the constitution of the United States and that he will perform the duties of his said office with fidelity, to the best of his knowledge and judgement.

NAT. POPE.

Sworn to and subscribed before me at the town of St. Genivive the day and year aforesaid. OTHO SHRADER.

APRIL 28th.

A PROCLAMATION BY NATHANIEL POPE, SECRETARY OF THE TERRITORY OF ILLINOIS AND EXERCISING THE GOVERNMENT THEREOF.

By virtue of the powers vested in the Governor, for the prevention of crimes and injuries and for the execution of process civil and criminal within

the Territory; I have thought proper to, and by this proclamation do, divide the Illinois Territory into two counties, to be called the County of St. Clair and the County of Randolph. The County of Randolph shall include all that part of the Illinois Territory lying south of the line dividing the counties of Randolph and St. Clair as it existed under the government of the Indiana Territory on the last day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and nine. And the county of St. Clair shall include all that part of the Territory which lies north of said line.

Done at Kaskaskia, the 28th day of April, 1809, and of the Independence of the United States the thirty-third. NAT. POPE.

Commissions were issued by the acting Governor to William Arnundul and Philip Fouke, appointing them Justices of the Peace in and for the county of Randolph, during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being. Also a commission to James Gilbreath, appointing him Sheriff of Randolph county, during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

APRIL 29th.

Application being made, accompanied by an affiidavit made before a Justice of the Peace, charging James Dunlap with the murder of Rice Jones, and that the said James Dunlap had fled from justice and taken refuge in the Orleans Territory. The acting Governor issued his demand pursuant to the act of Congress, entitled "An act respecting fugitives from justice and persons escaping from the service of their masters," requesting the executive of the Orleans Territory to cause the said Dunlap to be arrested and secured according to the provisions of the said act.

MAY 1st.

A commission was issued by the acting Governor to Abram Clark, appointing him Captain of a Militia company in the Regiment of Militia in St. Clair county during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

MAY 2nd.

Commissions were issued by the acting Governor to William Whiteside as Major and William B. Whiteside as Captain of Militia in the county of St. Clair during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

MAY 3rd.

Commissions were issued by the acting Governor to *Nicholas Jarrot, John Hay, Caldwell Cairnes, Thomas Todd, Jacob A. Boyes, James Lemen, Enoch Moore, David Badgley, James Bankson, William Biggs, Robert Elliott, John Finlay, David White, Samuel S. Kennedy, Antoine Deschamps, Harry Munroe Fisher, and Nicholas Boilvin, appointing them Justices of the Peace, John Hay, Sheriff, and Enoch Moore, Coroner, during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

Commissions were also issued to Elias Rector as Adjutant General of the Militia of the Territory, Shadrch Bond, Junior, Lieutenant Colonel Commandant, and John Mordock as Major, in the county of St. Clair. Elihu Mather Adjutant of the Regiment of St. Clair county. Jean Beauleau, Ettienne Pincenneau, John Scott, James Moore, William Pruitt, Francois Racine, Henry Munroe Fisher, James Stockton and Franklin Jarvis, Captains. George Dement, Joseph Manegle, George Atchison, Enoch Moore, 1st of a Cavalry

*Resigned.

company, Jacob Ogle, 2nd of a Cavalry company; John Teaters, Pierre Lizje, Samuel Kinney, Samuel Judy and Isaac Ferguson, Lieutenants; and William Blair, Henry Mace, Cornet of a Cavalry company; William Scott Jun., Baptiste Saucier, Francois Dernette and Harry Cook, Ensigns of the Regiment of St. Clair county during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

MAY 4th.

The acting Governor issued Dedimus's to John Hay at Cahokia, Nicholas Boilvin and Harry M. Fisher at Prairie du Chien, and Thomas Forsythe at Piorias, authorizing them to administer the necessary oaths of office to the officers commissioned in St. Clair county. Also commissions to Michel Brisbois, Lieut., and John Marie, Cardinal Ensign of a Militia company at Prairie du Chien duriug the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

MAY 5th.

The acting Governor issued a commission to David Anderson appointing him Captain of a Militia company in the county of Randolph during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

MAY 6th.

The acting Governor issued commissions to the following persons as Militia officers in the county of Randolph, viz.: Pierre Menard, Lieutenant Colonel Commandant; Robert Robinson, Major; Giles Hull, Thomas Leavens and Antoine LaChapelle, Captains; John Worley, Absalom Cox, William Goings, Jesse Griggs and James Hughes, Lieutenants; and Daniel Hull, William McBride and Benjamin Vermillion, Jun., Ensigns, to continue in office during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

Also commissions issued to David Anderson, *Paul Harleston, James McRoberts, William Alexander, and Henry Levens, appointing them Justices of the Peace in the county of Randolph, during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being, and issued a Dedimus to Giles Hull to administer the proper oath of office to William Alexander and James McRoberts.

MAY 7th.

The acting Governor issued commissions to Andrew Barbeau as Captain, and Pierre LeComte as Lieutenants of Militia in the county of Randolph, during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

MAY 17th.

The acting Governor issued commissions to Michael Jones as Adjutant of the Regiment of Randolph county, and Antoine Lachance as Ensign of Militia in the same county, to continue during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

Also commissions to Jean Baptiste Barbeau and John Groething appointing them Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Randolph, to continue during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being, and authorized James Brady by Dedimus to administer the oaths of office to the said John Groething.

*Resigned.

MAY 20th.

The acting Governor issued commissions to *James Ford, Jonathan Taylor, Thomas Ferguson, Hamlet Ferguson, †Frederick Grater, and Robert Hay, appointing them Justices of the Peace for the County of Randolph to continue during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

MAY 21st.

The acting Governor issued Dedimuses to James Ford, Thomas Ferguson, and Tousaint Dubois, authorizing them to administer the oaths of office to those persons who had been appointed who might apply to them for that purpose.

Also a commission to Levi Compton appointing him a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Randolph, to continue during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

MAY 22nd.

The acting Governor issued a commission to Isaac White appointing him a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Randolph, during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.‡

JUNE 2d.

The Acting Governor issued a commission to Joseph Eberman, appointing him a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Randolph, during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

JUNE 7th.

The Acting Governor issued a commission to Nathaniel Green, appointing him a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Randolph, during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

JUNE 11th.

Ninian Edwards, Esq., appointed by the President of the United States Governor of the Illinois Territory, produced his commission, together with a certificate of his qualification, as follows, to-wit:

JAMES MADISON, *President of the United States of America. To All Who Shall See These Presents. Greeting:*

Know Ye, That reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, integrity and abilities of Ninian Edwards, of Kentucky, I do appoint him Governor in and over the Illinois Territory; and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfill the duties of that office according to law, and to have and to hold the said office with all the powers, privileges and emoluments to the same of right appertaining, until the end of the next session of the Senate of the United States, and no longer, unless the President of the United States for the time being should be pleased sooner to revoke and determine this commission.

In testimony whereof I have caused these letters to be made patent and the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.

*Removed. †Resigned. ‡Isaac White resigned Feb. 4th, 1810.

Given under my hand at the City of Washington, the twenty-fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the thirty-third.

JAMES MADISON.

By the President.

R. SMITH.
Secretary of State.

JUNE 11th.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
SEVENTH CIRCUIT AND KENTUCKY DISTRICT. } To-wit:

This day his Excellency, Ninian Edwards, personally appeared before me, the subscriber, an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and took the oath prescribed by an act of Congress, entitled "An act to regulate the time and manner of administering certain oaths;" also the oath that he would well and truly execute the office of Governor of the Illinois Territory according to the best of his skill and judgment.

Given under my hand and seal this twenty-seventh day of May, one thousand eight hundred and nine, and of the American Independence the thirty-third year.

{SEAL.}

THOMAS TODD.

JUNE 13th.

A resolution signed by the Governor and two of the Judges of the Illinois Territory, respecting the laws of the Indiana Territory was delivered to the Secretary and filed in his office.

JUNE 16th.

The Governor and two of the Judges of the Illinois Territory passed and signed the laws with the following titles, which were filed with the Secretary, to-wit:

An act repealing certain laws and parts of laws.

An act concerning the Courts of Commonpleas.

An act to regulate the times of holding the General Court.

The Governor commissioned Samuel Omelvaney and George Robinson, Justices of the Peace, and William Stewart, Surveyor, in the County of Randolph, during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

JUNE 17th.

The Governor commissioned Robert Morrison, Clerk of the General Court; William C. Grenup, Clerk of the Court of Commonpleas and Clerk of the County Court of Randolph; John Hay, Clerk of the Court of Commonpleas for the County of St. Clair; William Arundel, Recorder of Randolph County, and Robert Gaston, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Randolph, to continue during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

JUNE 19th.

The Governor and two of the Judges of the Illinois Territory passed and signed a law with the following title, which was delivered to the Secretary, to-wit:

An act in addition to an act repealing certain laws and parts of laws.

JUNE 20th.

The Governor commissioned John Hay, Clerk of the County Court of St. Clair, John G. Lofton, a Justice of the Peace in St. Clair County, and William Arundel, Coroner of Randolph County, during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

JUNE 22d.

The Governor commissioned John Messenger Surveyor of St. Clair County, and William Morrison, John Robinson and *John Edgar, (the said Edgar in the place of William Morrison who refused to accept), Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Randolph, to continue during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

JUNE 23d.

A new Battalion of Militia having been formed in that part of the County of Randolph lying on the river Ohio, the Governor directed the commanding officers of companies therein, to hold elections in their respective companies for the purpose of electing proper persons to command the said companies and for the recommendation of a proper person as Major.

JUNE 28th.

The Governor commissioned John Edgar a Justice of the Peace in Randolph County (in the place of John Edgar, refused to accept) during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

The Governor removed James Gilbreath from the office of Sheriff in the County of Randolph.

The Governor commissioned Benjamin Stephenson sheriff of Randolph County during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being, in the place of James Gilbreath, removed.

JULY 4th.

The Governor issued the following General Order and forwarded copies thereof to each Captain in Col. Menard's and Col. Bond's regiments, to-wit:

GENTLEMEN:—The late organization of the Militia and the appointments recently made thereto by the Secretary of this Territory, were rendered necessary by sudden emergency; and I am free to declare that the course he adopted was precisely such as I myself should have pursued under similar circumstances, notwithstanding this, it has not been thought, either by him or myself, that such a plan having been adopted, ought to limit a course of inquiry, which would have been proper in the first instance, provided imperious circumstances had not rendered it impracticable. I therefore take up the business as if it had not been acted on at all; and not having proper information of the standing and reputation of individuals, having received various and contradictory accounts of them, and being disposed to acquire the best imformation the nature of the case will admit of, I have thought proper to request that each company in Colonel Bond's regiment and each company in Colonel Menard's regiment shall be mustered on the fifth day of August next, at the usual place of mustering such company; and that when so convened they shall elect and recommend to me such officers as are necessary to the command of the company. That the persons thus elected and recommended by the companies, shall meet on the fifth day after the election at the usual place of mustering the Battalions which such companies compose, provided such place shall have been or may hereafter be so designated according to law, and if otherwise they shall meet at the usual place of muster-

*Resigned.

ing the Regiment to which they belong, and when so met together those persons shall elect and recommend to me some proper person residing in the bounds of each respective Battalion, as a Major. And that all the persons thus chosen in each Battalion, shall in five days thereafter convene at the usual place of mustering the Regiment to which they respectively belong and elect and recommend to me a proper person, residing within the bounds of the Regiment, as Colonel, and another person proper for the appointment of Adjutant.

This plan is rendered necessary by my want of acquaintance with the people and adopted solely on that account. By it every citizen will be placed on a fair equality. Merit will have a fair opportunity of receiving its just reward. Old officers who are meritorious will be in no danger from submitting to this scrutiny and those who are not meritorious will have no claim to an exemption from it.

I feel it also my duty to request those good people who constitute the Militia to be as circumspect and prudent as possible in the selection of those persons who probably will be appointed to command them, as I am determined to enforce the strictest observance of the militia law.

And to the candidates I give fair notice:

1st. That if any improper and unfair means are used by any one in the proposed election I will not appoint him to the office for which he may be recommended nor to any other within my gift. And, 2d. That from all I appoint I shall require the most faithful and diligent attention to the duties of the offices to which he may be promoted.

JULY 6th.

The Governor commissioned Archibald Thompson, a Justice of the Peace in Randolph County, during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

The Governor commissioned Stace McDonough, Captain of Militia in the County of Randolph, during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

JULY 8th.

The Governor commissioned Robert Gaston a Captain of Militia in the County of Randolph, during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

JULY 9th.

The Governor commissioned George Cadwell a Justice of the Peace, and Amos Squire a Captain of Militia, in St. Clair County, to continue during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

JULY 17th.

The Governor having received a commission from the President of the United States reappointing him, by and with the advice of the Senate, Governor of the Illinois Territory, took the several oaths required by law before Alexander Stuart, one of the Judges of the said Territory.

JULY 18th.

The Governor commissioned Robert Morrison, Adjutant General of the Militia of the Territory, during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being, in place of Elias Rector, removed; and Robert Gilbreath a Justice of the Peace in Randolph County.

JULY 20th.

The Governor and Judges passed and signed four laws with the following titles, and delivered them to the Secretary, to-wit:

A law to alter and repeal certain parts of an act, entitled a law to regulate county levies; also to alter and amend the said law entitled to regulate county levies and to enforce the collection of county levies for the year 1809.

An act concerning County Courts.

An act concerning the General Courts.

A law respecting arrearages due the former Sheriff of Randolph County, as also fees due him.

JULY 21st.

The Governor and Judges passed and signed three laws with the following titles, which was delivered to the Secretary and filed, to-wit:

A law to prevent frauds and perjuries, adopted from the Kentucky codes.

An act appropriating fines, amercements, penalties, forfeitures and taxes imposed on law process to the use of the Territorial Government.

An act concerning fees in the General Court.

JULY 22d.

The Governor and Judges passed and signed a law with the following title, which was delivered to the Secretary and filed, to-wit:

An act to authorize the guarding of county jails.

JULY 24th.

The Governor commissioned Benjamin H. Doyle, Attorney General of the Territory, during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

JULY 25th.

The Governor commissioned John Hay, Recorder of St. Clair County, during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

AUGUST 24th.

On the demand of His Excellency, Meriwether Lewis, Governor of the Louisiana Territory, of the body of Simon Vanorsdale, a fugitive from justice, charged, by an indictment found, with having assaulted and wounded an officer of the District of St. Louis in the execution of his office, and stating that the said fugitive had taken refuge in the Illinois Territory. The Secretary, exercising the government in the absence of the Governor, issued his warrant directed to the Sheriff of St. Clair County requiring him to apprehend the said fugitive pursuant to the law of the United States in that case made and provided.

SEPTEMBER 9th.

Filed in the Secretary's office a letter from the Governor, removing from office James Ford and Robert Hays appointed Justices of the Peace of Randolph County.

SEPTEMBER 22d.

The Secretary, exercising the government in the absence of the Governor from the Territory, appointed John Bradshaw and John Phelps Justices of the Peace of Randolph County.

DECEMBER 9th.

The Governor appointed William Scott, Shadrack Bond, Jr., John Thomas, Jr., and John F. Perry, Justices of the Peace of St. Clair County.

The Governor removed from office of Justice of the Peace of St. Clair County, Samuel S. Kennedy.

DECEMBER 21st.

The Governor appointed John McFerron and William Boone, Justices of the Peace of Randolph County.

DECEMBER 22d.

Filed in the Secretary's office a law passed by the Governor and Judges, entitled "A law giving the Sheriff of the County of Randolph further time to make out and deliver a list of persons and property liable to taxation in the said county for the year 1809 and to give him further time for the collection thereof." Which law bears date December twenty-second, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

The Governor appointed William Whiteside Colonel of Militia of St. Clair County.

The Governor appointed John Moredock, Major of the Militia of St. Clair County.

The Governor appointed Thomas Levans, James Hughes and Isaac White, Majors of Militia of Randolph County.

DECEMBER 30th.

The Governor appointed John Jourdon Crittenden, Attorney General of the Territory, in the place of Benjamin H. Doyle, resigned.

ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND TEN.

JANUARY 2d.

The Governor appointed Philip Tramell, James Ford, Hamlet Furguson, William Simpson, *John Beard, Philip Fouke, William Alexander, Pierre Le Comte, Absolom Cox, *Otho Lewis and *John Lacey, Captains of Militia of Randolph County.

The Governor appointed Jacob Fisher, Thomas Roberts, *Jesse Griggs, Clement Drury, Isaiah Levens, William McBride and Nicholas H. Stephenson, Lieutenants of Militia of Randolph County.

The Governor appointed Thomas Wadley, John Hill, Antoine Louvier, William Everett, Antoine Danis, John Pillars, and George Steele, Ensigns of the Militia of Randolph County.

The Governor appointed John Beaulieu, Ettienne Pincenneau, John Scott, Amos Squire, William Pruitt, Samuel Judy, Toliver Right, Abraham Clark and Jacob Short, Captains of the Militia of St. Clair County.

The Governor appointed Joseph Manegle, Pierre Lize, William McDaniel, William Gilham, Valentine Brazil, Henry Cook, Solomon Pruitt, Abraham Stallions and Moses Quick, Lieutenants of Militia of St. Clair County.

The Governor appointed John B. Saucier, Nicholas Fargeon, Phillip Rader, James Duett, James Bradsby, Samuel Whiteside, Thomas Rotter and James Thomas, Ensigns of Militia of St. Clair County.

The Governor appointed David Anderson, Adjutant of the Regiment of Militia of Randolph County, and James Smith, Adjutant of the Regiment of Militia of St. Clair County.

JANUARY 16th.

The Governor appointed Jacob Ogle, 1st Lieutenant; John Vaugn, 2d Lieutenant, and Simon Wheelock, Cornet, in Captain James B. Moore's Company of Cavalry in St. Clair County.

JANUARY 22d.

The Governor appointed Owen Eavans, Captain of Militia of Randolph County.

JANUARY 31st.

Filed in the Secretary's office the following laws passed and adopted by the Governor and Judges, viz:

An act concerning the Clerks of County Courts, bearing date of the 26th January, 1810.

An act concerning appeals from the judgment of Justices of the Peace to the County Courts, bearing date 26th January, 1810; adopted from the Kentucky code.

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*Resigned

An act repealing part of a law, entitled "A law for the prevention of vice and immorality," bearing date 26th January, 1810.

JANUARY 31st.

Filed in the Secretary's office an act, entitled "An act concerning fornication and adultery," bearing date January 26th, 1810; adopted from the Georgia code.

FEBRUARY 2d.

The Governor appointed William McDonald a Justice of the Peace of St. Clair County.

FEBRUARY 4th.

The Governor appointed Leonard White a Justice of the Peace of Randolph County, vice Isaac White, resigned.

The Governor appointed John Hibbins and *Francis Wheatly, Lieutenants of Militia of Randolph County.

The Governor appointed Dickinson Garritt and John Murphy, Ensigns of Militia of Randolph County.

FEBRUARY 10th.

The Governor appointed John Hibbins a Justice of the Peace of Randolph County.

MARCH 5th.

The Governor appointed George Hacker a Justice of the Peace of Randolph County.

MARCH 7th.

Filed in the Secretary's office the following laws passed and adopted by the Governor and Judges, viz:

An act regulating the manner of taking depositions, dated February 26th, 1810; adopted from Georgia code. An act prescribing the duty of sheriffs in a certain case, dated February 26th, 1810; adopted from the Gorgia code.

An act to repeal part of an act of the General Assembly of the Indiana Territory, passed the 17th day of September, 1807, entitled "An act respecting crimes and punishments," dated 27th February, 1810.

An act repealing part of an act, entitled "An act concerning appeals from the judgement of Justices of the Peace to the County Courts," dated February 27th, 1810.

A law concerning Grand Jurors, dated March 3rd, 1810; adopted from the Kentucky code.

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*Resigned

MARCH 11th.

An act to prevent unlawful gaming, dated March 9th, 1810; adopted from the Virginia code.

APRIL 7th.

The Secretary, exercising the government in the absence of the Governor from the Territory, appointed *Thomas Turpin Crittenden, Attorney General of the Territory, vice John J. Crittenden, resigned.

Filed in the Secretary's office an act, entitled "An act repealing parts of certain acts," dated March 13th, 1810.

APRIL 14th.

Filed in the Secretary's office an act, entitled "An act to suppress duelling," dated April 7th, 1810; adopted from the Virginia code.

APRIL 19th.

The Secretary, in the absence of the Governor from the Territory, appointed Michael Jones, Colonel of the Militia of Randolph County.

APRIL 24th.

The Secretary, in the absence of the Governor from the Territory, appointed William B. Whiteside, Major of the Militia in St. Clair County.

APRIL 28th.

The Secretary, in the absence of the Governor from the Territory, appointed William Gilham a Justice of the Peace of St. Clair County.

MAY 28th.

Filed in the Secretary's office a law, entitled "A law concerning advertisements," dated May 21st, 1810.

Elias Rector appointed by the Governor, Adjutant General, vice Robert Morrison, resigned.

The Governor appointed Thomas Upton a Justice of the Peace of Randolph County.

MAY 31st.

The Governor appointed William Rector, Surveyor of Randolph County, vice William Stewart, removed.

JUNE 13th.

The Governor issued a commission to the Judges of the General Court di-

*Resigned

recting them, or some one of them, to hold, on Monday, the second day of July next, a court of Oyer & Terminer and special jail delivery for the trial of Moses Cannady, charged with a capital offence.

JUNE 19th.

The Governor issued a commission to the Judges of the General Court, directing them, or some one of them, to hold, on Monday, the second day of July next, a court of Oyer and Terminer and special jail delivery for the trial of John Gibson, charged with a capital offense.

JUNE 23d.

The Governor appointed Thomas T. Crittenden, Aid de Camp to the Commander in Chief.

JUNE 26th.

The Governor appointed Samuel Levering, Lieutenant of Militia of Randolph County.

JUNE 27th.

The Governor appointed Isaac White, Colonel; Philip Tramell and Hamlet Ferguson, Majors, in the Third Regiment of the Militia.

The Governor issued a commission to Leonard White, to administer the oaths ot office to persons appointed to office by the Executive of the Territory, for Randolph County.

JUNE 30th.

The Governor appointed William Boon, Captain in the First Regiment of the Militia, and William Pyle, a Justice of the Peace, of Randolph County.

The Governor issued a commission to William Boon, to administer the oaths of office to persons appointed to office by the Executive of the Territory for Randolph County.

JULY 2d.

The Governor appointed William Everett and George Steele, Lieutenants, and James Smith and James Gill, Ensigns in the First Regiment, and William Griffin, Ensign in the Second Regiment of the Militia.

JULY 9th.

The Governor appointed Joseph Riley, Lieutenant, and William Simpson, Jr., Ensigns, in the Third Regiment of the Militia.

JULY 20th.

The Governor appointed Willis Hargrove, James Trousdale and Joseph Mott, Captains; Adrian Davenport, Jr., David Snodgrass and Arthur Jourdon, Lieutenants, and Irvin Wilson, Jarrard Tramell, Jr., and Edward Prator, Ensigns, in the Third Regiment of the Militia.

AUGUST 2d.

John Prichard appointed by the Governor a Justice of the Peace of Randolph County.

The Governor appointed William Alcorn and Thomas Griffith, Captains; Gabriel Fesworth and Thomas Wells, Lieutenants, and Samuel Waters and Walker Dannel, Ensigns, in the Third Regiment of the Militia.

AUGUST 3d.

The Governor appointed Leonard White, Captain; Henry Kenyon, Lieutenant, and John Forester, Ensign, of a volunteer company in the Third Regiment of the Militia.

AUGUST 4th.

The Governor issued a commission to John Phelps to administer the oaths of office to persons appointed to office by the Executive of the Territory for Randolph County.

AUGUST 6th.

The Governor issued a commission to Hamlet Ferguson to administer the oaths of office to persons appointed to office in Randolph County by the executive of the Territory.

The Governor appointed Alexander Wilson, Justice of the Peace of Randolph County.

AUGUST 21st.

The Governor appointed Henry Noble a Justice of the Peace of Randolph County.

AUGUST 26th.

The Governor appointed Jesse Griggs, Lieutenant, and Joseph Z. Wimsatt, Ensign, in the Second Battalion of the First Regiment of the Militia.

SEPTEMBER 1st.

The Governor appointed Jacob Fisher, Captain, and Bazil Levens, Lieutenant, in the First Regiment of the Militia.

SEPTEMBER 18th.

The Governor appointed Gabriel Greathouse a Justice of the Peace of Randolph County.

SEPTEMBER 22d.

The Governor issued a commission to the Judges of the General Court, or

any one of them to hold a special court of Oyer and Terminer for the trial of Alexander Blair, Wilson McEbendon, William Fisher, John Hibbins, Isaac Casey, Samuel Tomason and Joshua Williams, charged with a capital offense. The trial to be held on Wednesday, the fifth day of December, 1810.

OCTOBER 6th.

The Governor appointed *John Cockran, Captain in the first Regiment of the Militia.

OCTOBER 13th.

The Governor appointed Stace McDonnaugh Captain, and James Lee, Ensign in the first Regiment of the Militia.

OCTOBER 29th.

The Governor appointed John Cooper Captain, Eirey Ledbetter, Lieutenant, William Porter, Ensign in the Third Regiment of the Militia, and Andrew Bankston Lieutenant, and Christopher Barnhart and William Griffin Ensigns in the Second Regiment of the Militia. Nicholas Jarrott and William Rector Aids de Camp to the Commander-in-Chief, Benjamin M. Piatt Attorney General, Trueman Tuttle a Justice of the Peace of St. Clair County, William Montgomery, Sr., and Marvin Fuller, Justices of the Peace of Randolph county.

NOVEMBER 4th.

The Governor appointed William Arundel, Notary Public of Randolph county.

DECEMBER 5th.

The Governor appointed William Mears Aid de Camp to the Commander-in-chief of the Militia.

JANUARY 23d, 1811.

The Governor appointed John Campbell a Justice of the Peace of St. Clair county, John Francois Perry, William Biggs, and John Thomas Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of St. Clair county, John Hay Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of St. Clair county.

Peter Menard, William Morrison and William Rector Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Randolph county, William C. Greenup Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Randolph county.

JANUARY 24th.

Filed in the Secretary's office the following Laws, viz:

An act repealing so much of the Law of the Territory regulating county levies as imposes a tax on meat cattle.

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*Resigned.

An act concerning Court of Common Pleas.

An act concerning occupying claimants of lands, adopted from the Kentucky code.

An act concerning the powers of the Governor of the Territory of Illinois, adopted from the constitution of the State of Pennsylvania.

FEBRUARY 3d.

Upon the joint petition of James Gilbreath and Jacob Funk that executions had been issued against them to collect of each the sum of twenty-five dollars for a breach of the gambling act. The Governor issued commissions remitting the fines of each of them.

FEBRUARY 11th.

The Governor appointed George Fisher and John McFerron Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Randolph County, vice Peter Menard and William Rector, resigned.

FEBRUARY 14th.

The Governor appointed James Finny Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Randolph county, vice George Fisher, resigned.

FEBRUARY 15th.

The Governor appointed Jacob Funk a Justice of the Peace of Randolph county.

Abraham Stallions Captain, and Daniel Primm Lieutenant in the Second Regiment of the Militia, Jesse Griggs Captain, and Joseph J. Wimsatt Lieutent of the First Regiment of the Militia.

MARCH 17th.

The Governor commissioned Thomas Levins Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment Militia in the place of Michael Jones, removed.

And Pierre Lacont Major of the First Battallion in the First Regiment of Militia in the place of Thomas Levins, promoted.

Also Clement Drury Captain and Antoine Louvier Lieutenant in the First Regiment of the Militia during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

APRIL 24th.

The Governor commissioned William Pruitt Major of the Third Battallion of the Second Regiment of the Militia, and John Louton, William Edes, and Valentine Brazel Captains, and John Lindley and James Bradsby Lieutenants, and Thomas Greene Ensign in the Second Regiment of the Militia during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

MAY 20th.

The Governor commissioned Samuel Levering Captain in the First Regiment of the Militia in the place of Philip Fouke, removed.

JUNE 4th.

The Governor commissioned Ajalon Dillingham Captain and Henry Clendennen Ensign in the First Regiment of the Militia.

JUNE 16th.

The Governor commissioned Philip Rochblave Ensign in the First Regiment of the Militia.

JUNE 17th.

The Governor commissioned William C. Greenup Lieutenant of the First Regiment of the Militia in the place of Samuel Levering, promoted.

JUNE 22nd.

A law entitled "A law concerning the Militia," adopted from the Militia law of South Carolina by the Governor and Judges of the Territory, was filed in the Secretary's office.

JUNE 23d.

The Governor commissioned John H. Robinson Aid de Camp to the Brigadier General on the recommendation of Brigadier General William Rector.

JUNE 26th.

The Governor and Judges of the Territory having passsed a law entitled "A law concerning the Militia" adopted from the Kentucky code. The same was filed in the Secretary's office.

JUNE 27th.

The Governor commissioned Benjamin Stephenson Brigade Inspector of the Militia on the recommendation of Brigadier General William Rector.

The Governor appointed Samuel Whiteside Captain, Josiah Roberts Lieutenant and Titus Gregg Ensign in the Second Regiment of Militia.

JUNE 28th.

The Governor appointed Nathan Davis and John B. Murray Justices of the Peace of Randolph county.

JUNE 29th.

The Governor appointed Samuel Vermillion, Ensign in the First Regiment of Militia.

JULY 1st.

The Governor appointed John Thomas Lieutenant in the First Regiment of Militia.

JULY 2d.

The Governor appointed Philip Fouke Captain and Adam Woolwrick Ensign in the First Regiment of Militia, and Edward Ebert Captain, Augustus Pinsino Ensign and Pierre Martan Lieutenant of the Second Regiment of Militia.

AUGUST 8th.

The Governor appointed Thomas Forsythe a Justice of the Peace of St. Clair county, and John Baptiste Duford Captain of Militia in the Second Regiment.

The Governor and Judges having passed a law entitled "A Law altering the time of holding the general court at Cahokia in the County of St. Clair." The same was filed in the Secretary's office.

SEPTEMBER 18th.

The Governor commissioned William C. Greenup Captain in the First Regiment of the Militia, vice Samuel Levering, deceased, and Philip Rochblave Lieutenant in the First Regiment, vice William C. Greenup promoted, also Clement C. Conway Quartermaster Sergeant.

SEPTEMBER 23d.

The Governor appointed John Grants, Esqr., a Justice of the Peace of Randolph county.

SEPTEMBER 25th.

The Governor appointed William McHenry Captain, vice, Joseph Mott resigned; Lewis Barker Captain, vice John Cooper resigned; Thomas Williams Captain, vice David Snodgrass resigned; William Thrash Ensign, John Scroggin Ensign, vice William Porter; Frederick Busel Lieutenant, vice A. Davenport resigned; Curtis Anderson Ensign, vice Edward Prather; William H. Ramsey Lieutenant, vice Joseph Riley resigned; David Tude Ensign, vice Dickinson Garrett (?) resigned; Jarrot Trammel Lieutenant, vice Arthur Jordan removed.

SEPTEMBER 25th.

William Maxwell Ensign, vice Jarrot Trammel promoted; James Sempson Lieutenant, vice Gabriel Titsworth, and James Fox Ensign, vice Samuel Waters resigned; in the Third Regiment of the Militia.

SEPTEMBER 26th.

The Governor appointed Samuel McGowen Lieutenant, John Bushfield Ensign, William Hughes Lieutenant, vice Henry Kenyan (who did not accept); John Hargrave Ensign, vice John Forrester resigned; Thomas Green Captain, Thomas Whitaker Lieutenant, Leonard Waller Ensign, in the Third Regiment of the Militia, and John Cole Captain, Levi Hughes Lieutenant, John Hogan Ensign, Henry Kenyan Adjutant, in the Third Regiment.

SEPTEMBER 28th.

The Governor appointed Ezra Owens Quartermaster, John McFerron Provost Marshal, and James Finney Judge Advocate, in the First Regiment of Militia.

OCTOBER 3d.

The Governor appointed William Worley Ensign, Benjamin Fort, Fife Major, Thomas V. Swearingen Ensign, Jacob Bowerman Ensign, in the First Regiment of Militia.

OCTOBER 8th.

The Governor appointed William Nash a Justice of the Peace for the County of Randolph.

OCTOBER 10th.

The Governor appointed John Choiser Quartermaster Sergeant, James Hensley Fife Major, Henry Oldham Surgeon, Francis Leach Paymaster, John Ormsby Drum Major, Thomas Shannon Surgeon's Mate, John Murgly (?) Quartermaster, and John Campbell Sergeant Major, in the Third Regiment of Militia.

NOVEMBER 28th.

The Governor appointed Philip Trammel Lieutenant Colonel, and James Ford, Major, in the Fourth Regiment of Militia.

NOVEMBER 29th.

The Governor appointed Willis Hargrave Major in the Fourth Regiment of Militia.

The Governor and Judges having passed an act entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to encourage the killing of wolves. The same was filed in the Secretary's office.

DECEMBER 14th.

The Governor appointed Charles R. Matheny, Robert Lemmon and Abram Teter Justices of the Peace for the County of St. Clair.

JANUARY 10th, 1812.

The Governor appointed Leonard White, Esq., Captain in the Fourth Regiment of Militia.

JANUARY 20th.

The Governor appointed Owen Evans and William Simpson Majors, also James Trousdale Captain and Thomas Ried Lieutenant, in the Third Regiment of the Militia.

JANUARY 25th.

The Governor appointed Lewis Barker Captain in the Fourth Regiment of Militia.

JANUARY 22d.

The Governor appointed William McHenry and Thomas E. Craig Captains in the Fourth Regiment of Militia.

The Governor appointed Lewis Barker a Justice of the Peace for the County of Randolph.

JANUARY 24th.

The Governor appointed Isaac Griffin and Solomon Pruitt Captains, John Goings Lieutenant, George Mitchel and Isaac Gilham Ensigns, in the Second Regiment of Militia. The Governor appointed James Bradbury, Ensign, in the Fourth Regiment of Militia.

JANUARY 27th.

The Governor appointed John Groves and John Wicks Captains, in the Fourth Regiment of Militia.

Trueman Tuttle was appointed Surgeon and Elihu Mather Adjutant, in the Second Regiment of Militia.

FEBRUARY 13th.

The Governor appointed Jarrot Trammel, Frederick Bucks, Asa Leadbetter, William R. Ashley, John Campbell, and James Davenport Lieutenants in the Fourth Regiment of Militia.

William Maxfield, John Scroggins, John Damerwood, John Lucas, and William McCormick were appointed Ensigns in the Fourth Regiment of Militia.

The Governor appointed Thomas E. Craig a Justice of the Peace for Randolph county.

The Governor appointed William Savage Captain, Titus Gregg Lieutenant, and Peter Waggoner Ensign, in the Second Regiment of the Militia.

FEBRUARY 25th.

The Governor appointed Henry Lewis Captain in the First Regiment of the Militia, vice Philip Fouke, moved away.

The resignation of Clemant Drury as captain of Militia received and filed.

MARCH 7th.

The Governor appointed Shadrack Bond, Jr., Aid de Camp to the Commander-in-Chief.

Thomas Todd a Justice of the Peace for the County of St. Clair, and Henry Conner Lieutenant in the First Regiment of the Militia.

The resignation of Samuel Vermillion as Ensign received and filed.

MARCH 11th.

The Governor appointed Elias Bancroft a Lieutenant in the First Regiment of the Militia.

MARCH 14th.

The Governor appointed Gabriel Duscher (?) Captain, Antoine Blay, Jr., Lieutenant and Antoine Blay, Sr., Ensign in the First Regiment of the Militia of Illinois.

The Governor issued the following proclamation, by Ninian Edwards, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Illinois Territory.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS It is enacted by the fourth section of a law of congress "dividing the Indiana Territory into two separate governments," etc., etc.

That so much of the ordinance for the Government of the territory northwest of the Ohio as relates to the organization of a General Assembly therein, and prescribes the powers thereof, shall be in force, and operate in the Illinois Territory, whenever satisfactory evidence shall be given to the Governor thereof, that such is the wish of a majority, and

WHEREAS, I have received several petitions from the citizens of this territory requesting that a General Assembly may be organized therein, which seems to render it necessary that a proper opportunity should be afforded those free holders of furnishing the "satisfactory evidence" required by the above recited law.

I have, therefore, thought proper to issue this, my proclamation, directing that an election be held at the court house of each county in the Territory, to commence on the second Monday in April, next, and continue three successive days, at which time and place, the free holders of each county will have an opportunity of expressing their wishes relative to the before mentioned subject.

And the sheriffs of each county with the assistance of two magistrates thereof, are hereby required to superintend the aforesaid elections and to take down and preserve all votes that may be tendered by the free holders of their respective counties, and the aforesaid sheriffs are hereby further required to give as immediate and general notice hereof as may be practicable.

In testimony whereof I have caused the seal of the Territory to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand the fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord, One Thousand and Eight Hundred and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States, the thirty-sixth.

NINIAN EDWARDS.

By the Governor:

NAT. POPE, *Secretary.*

A true copy. Attest: NAT. POPE, *Secretary.*

MARCH 28th.

The Governor appointed Otho Levins Ensign in the First Regiment of the Militia.

MARCH 30th.

The Governor appointed James Steel Captain, Alfred Wood Lieutenant, and Joshua Williams Ensign in the Fourth Regiment of the Militia.

APRIL 2nd.

The Governor appointed James Fox Captain, vice Captain Alcorn deceased, and Rice Sams Captain, Martin Harwick and Vincent Larkins Lieutenants. The latter vice James Simpson resigned and William McFalridge Ensign, all in the Third Regiment of the Militia.

And Benjamin Wilson Captain, Edmond Rose Lieutenant, and Elbert Rose Ensign in the Fourth Regiment.

APRIL 4th.

The Governor appointed Shadrack Bond, Jr., Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of St. Clair.

APRIL 11th.

The Governor appointed James D. Thomas Captain, Samuel Allen Lieutenant, and Marshal Hawkins Ensign of a Company of Light Infantry in the Second Regiment of the Militia.

APRIL 12th.

The Governor appointed Samuel Judy Major, vice Major Wm. B. Whiteside resigned.

APRIL 29th.

The Governor appointed Russel E. Hiccock Judge Advocate in the Second Regiment of the Militia.

MAY 2nd.

The Governor appointed Nathaniel Jurney Captain, vice Wm. Edes resigned, also Isaac Ferguson Captain and John Scott Ensign, vice Christopher Barnhart, in the Second Regiment of the Militia.

The Governor appointed Simon Vanosdel Provost Marshal, Henry Cook Captain, vice Samuel Judy promoted; Isaac Gilham Lieutenant, vice Henry Cook promoted; Samuel Gilham Ensign, vice Isaac Gilham promoted; Samuel Swagart (?) Ensign, Nicholas Churzo Captain, Elijah Talbot and William Bradshaw Ensigns, all in the Second Regiment of the Militia.

The Governor appointed Thomas Davidson a Justice of the Peace for St. Clair county.

MAY 4th.

The Governor appointed David Anderson Aid de Camp to the Brigadier General of the Militia.

And John Payne a Justice of the Peace for the County of St. Clair.

MAY 5th.

The Governor appoinged George E. Hart, Esq., Adjutant, Henry Oldham Surgeon, Thomas Shannon Surgeon's Mate, Francis Wheatley Paymaster, Absolem Ashby, Sergeant Major, John Murphy Quartermaster, John Choiser Quartermaster Sergeant, John Ormsby Drum Major, Nathan Mays Fife Major, Adrain Davenport Provost Marshal, and James Ratcliff Judge Advocate, all for the Fourth Regiment of the Militia.

MAY 25th.

The Governor appointed James Rose, Esq., a Justice of the Peace for the County of St. Clair.

The Governor appointed Hypolitte Mailette Lieutenant in the Second Regiment of the Militia.

By Ninian Edwards, Governor of the Illinois Territory.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, It is deemed improper to furnish the Indians with spirituous liquors at Peoria,

I do hereby forbid all persons, whatsoever, to sell, exchange, or in any manner give, or deliver, to any Indians or Indian any spirituous liquors, or any ardent spirits within twenty miles of Peoria. And I do hereby enjoin it upon Thomas Forsythe, and any other Justice of the Peace for St. Clair county, to inforce this proclamation.

In testimony whereof I have caused the seal of the Territory to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Kaskaskia this 24th day of May, 1812.

NINIAN EDWARDS.

By the Governor:

NAT POPE, *Secretary.*

MAY 27th.

The Governor appointed James A. Whiteside Captain in the Fourth Regiment of the Militia, and Henson Day a Justice of the Peace for Randolph county.

MAY 28th.

The Governor on applications of James Lemmon, Sr., and James Lemmon, Jr., remitted the several fines as adjudged against them by Charles A. Matheney a Justice of the Peace for St. Clair county, viz: a fine of five dollars against James Lemmon, Sr., and three dollars against James Lemmon, Jr.

MAY 28th.

The Governor appointed Hypolitte Menard Lieutenant, and Henry Rochblave Ensign in the First Regiment of the Militia.

JUNE 2d.

The Governor appointed James McFarlin Captain, vice Benjamin Walden, resigned, and Elisha Gordon Ensign, in the Fourth Regiment of the Militia.

JUNE 5th.

The Governor appointed James White, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace for the County of Randolph.

JUNE 18th.

The Governor appointed John Cockran Captain, of the Militia in the First Regiment of Illinois Territory.

JUNE 20th.

The Governor appointed John Bradshaw Captain, Lewis McMillan, John Patterson and Daniel T. Coleman Lieutenants, John Tweedy, Stephen Kirkendal and Irvail Borin Ensigns in the Third Regiment of the Militia.

SEPTEMBER 14th.

By Ninian Edwards, Governor of the Illinois Territory.

A PROCLAMATION.

By virtue of the powers vested in the Governor of the Territory, I do hereby lay off a county or district to be called the County of Madison to be included within the following bounds, viz.: To begin on the Mississippi, to run with the second township line above Cahokia east until it strikes the dividing line between the Illinois and Indiana Territories therein with said dividing line to the line of Upper Canada, thence with said line to the Mississippi, and thence down the Mississippi to the beginning. I do appoint the house of Thomas Kirkpatrick to be the seat of justice of said county. I do also lay off a county or district to be called the County of Gallatin, to be bounded as follows, viz.: To begin at the mouth of Lusk's Creek on the Ohio, running up with said creek to Miles' Trail, thence along said trail to Big Muddy, thence up Big Muddy to its source, thence north to the line of St. Clair county, thence with said line to the Wabash, thence down the Wabash and Ohio to the beginning. And I do appoint Shawnee Town to be the seat of justice of Gallatin county. And I do lay off a county or district to be called Johnson county, to be bounded as follows, viz.: To begin at the mouth of Lusk's Creek on the Ohio. thence with the line of Gallatin county to Big Muddy, thence down Big Muddy and the Mississippi to the mouth of the Ohio and up the Ohio to the beginning.

And I do appoint the house of John Bradshaw to be the seat of justice for Johnson county.

Done at Kaskaskia, the 14th day of September, 1812, and of the independence of the United States the 37th.

NINIAN EDWARDS.

By the Governor:

[SEAL.] NAT POPE, *Secretary.*

By Ninian Edwards, Governor and Commander in Chief of the Illinois territory. Illinois Territory, ss.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, By my proclamation of the 14th of March last, elections were directed to be held in the different counties in order to give the freeholders thereof an opportunity of expressing their opinions on the propriety of going into the second grade of government, and,

WHEREAS, It appears that a majority of those who expressed their opinion in pursuance thereof were in favor of going into the second grade of territorial government,

I do order that elections be held in the several counties of this territory on the 8th, 9th and 10th days of October next, for the purpose of electing a delegate to Congress, members to the Council and representatives to the Assembly. The election to be held in the county of Madison at the house of

Thomas Kirkpatrick, for the county St. Clair, at the court house in the town of Cahokia, for the county of Randolph at the court house in the town of Kaskaskia, for the county of Gallatin at Shawneetown, and for the county of Johnson at the house of John Bradshaw.

And I do hereby assign to Madison county one representative, to St. Clair, two; to Randolph, one; to Gallatin, two, and to Johnson, one.

Done at Kaskaskia the September 14, 1812, and of the independence of the United States, 37.

NINIAN EDWARDS.

By the Governor:

NAT POPE, *Secretary.*

SEPTEMBER 19TH.

The Governor appointed Isham Gilham sheriff of Madison county, George Robison sheriff of Gallatin county and Thomas C. Patterson, sheriff of Johnson county; Thomas Ferguson and Nathaniel Green judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Johnson county, and James Finny clerk to said court and recorder of said county; John Grant, Gabriel Greathouse and John C. Slocumb judges and Joseph M. Street clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Gallatin county, and Daniel McHenry a justice of the peace of said county; William Rabb, John G. Lofton and Samuel Judy judges, and Josias Randall clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Madison county; David Anderson judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Randolph county.

SEPTEMBER 27th.

The Governor appointed Josias Randall, Recorder; Robert Elliott, Thomas G. Davidson, William Gilham and George Cadwell, Justices of the Peace of Madison county.

Joseph M. Street, Recorder, and Alexander Wilson, Leonard White, James McMahon, sr., and Joseph M. Street, Justices of the Peace of Gallatin county.

OCTOBER 1st.

The Governor appointed John Forester, Lieutenant, and Harrison Wilson, Ensign, in the Rifle Company of the 4th Regiment.

OCTOBER 10th.

The Governor appointed James Creath, Captain, in the First Regiment of the Militia.

NOVEMBER 10th.

The Governor appointed Nelson Rector, Aide-de-Camp to the Commander-in-Chief, John Campbell, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, of St. Clair county.

By Ninian Edwards, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Illinois Territory.

A Proclamation.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I have thought proper to issue this, my proclamation, hereby appointing the 25th inst. for the meeting of the Legislature for the Territory of Illinois, and all the members of both branches thereof are hereby required to attend on that day in the town of Kaskaskia, in the territory aforesaid, for the purpose of discharging the duties enjoined on them by law.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the seal of the territory to be affixed to these presents, and signed the same with my hand.

Done at Kaskaskia, the 10th day of November, 1812, and of the independence of the United States the 37th.

(Signed), Ninian Edwards,

[seal.] *By the Governor.*

Nat. Pope, *Secretary.*

December 2nd.

The Governor appointed John B. Murry, Thomas Ferguson and Jesse Griggs. Justices of the Peace of Johnson county, and Thomas Griffith, Justice of the Peace of the same county, and I. Weaver, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Johnson county.

December 22nd.

The Governor appointed John McFerron, Judge Advocate, and Jacob Fisher, Provost Marshal, in the First Regiment of the Militia.

December 24th.

The Governor appointed Samuel Omelvaney, John Vineyard, Michael Jones, John Groves, William Nash, Thompson Harris and Hankerson Reede, Justices of the Peace of Gallatin county.

The Governor appointed Jacob Whiteside Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Madison county, George Franklin, Lieutenant, and James Clendenin. Ensign, in the First Regiment of Militia, Hugh Walker, Lieutenant, and William Crownsur (?) Ensign, in the Second Regiment of the Militia.

December 27th.

The Governor appointed Philip Fouke Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Randolph county.

December 28th.

The Governor appointed Elias Rector Clerk of the Court of Chancery, and Charles Humphreys Justice of the Peace of Randolph county.

FEBRUARY 8th, 1813.

The Governor appointed Jesse Griggs Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Johnson county, Leonard White Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Gallatin county, vice John Grant, James Henson Davis, and Henson Day, Justices of the Peace of Johnson county.

MARCH 24th.

The Governor appointed William Jones, Captain; John Springer, Lieutent ant; Thomas Finley, Ensign, Volunteer Company in the Second Regiment; Ephraim Woods and Auguste Trotier, Captains; Louison Parois, Lieutenant, and Baptiste Shamberger and Thomas Cox, Ensigns in the Second Regiment; George Fisher, Surgeon, and William Reynolds, Surgeon's Mate in the Firs-Regiment.

John Anderson, Justice of the Peace of Randolph county.

APRIL 15th.

The Governor appointed John Giger Lieutenant, and Thomas Nicholas Ensign in the Second Regiment.

MAY 6th.

The Governor appointed William Boon, Captain; John Lacey, First Lieutenant; William Belderback, Second Lieutenant; John Belderback, Ensign of a Volunteer Company of mounted rifle men in the First Regiment.

MAY 31st.

The Governor appointed Joseph Eberman as Justice of the Peace of St. Clair county and William Barney a Justice of the Peace of Gallatin county.

JUNE 23d.

The Governor appointed Thomas Kirkpatrick Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Madison county.

William Mears Attorney General.

The Governor absent from the Territory.

AUGUST 15th.

The Secretary appointed John B. Murray Judge of Court of Common Pleas of Johnson county, and Thomas Green a Justice of the Peace of the same county.

SEPTEMBER 9th.

The Secretary appointed John Palmer, Coronor of Johnson county.

SEPTEMBER 15th.

The Secretary appointed George Franklin, Captain; James Clendennen, Lieutenant; Archibald Steele, Ensign, in the First Regiment of the Militia.

OCTOBER 25th.

Jacob Short, a member of the House of Representatives from St. Clair county, having forwarded his resignation, the Secretary issued a writ of election, directed to the sheriff of St. Clair county, directing him to hold an election to supply the vacancy.

Elias Rector handed in his resignation of the office of Adjutant General and Clerk of the Court of Chancery.

OCTOBER 28th.

The Secretary appointed John Byers a Justice of the Peace of Johnson county.

NOVEMBER 1st.

The Secretary appointed William C. Greenup Clerk of the Court of Chancery.

DECEMBER 6th.

The Secretary appointed Thomas E. Craig, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Gallatin county; William Nash, Lewis Barker, James Radcliff and John Renn (?) Justices of the Peace of Gallatin county; Isaac Morgan. Surveyor of same; Henry Kenyon, Adjutant of the Fourth Regiment of the militia; William H. Bradsby, Justice of the Peace of St. Clair county; Robert Brazil, Justice of the Peace of Madison county.

DECEMBER 7th.

Governor Edwards arrived at the seat of government and took upon him the direction of affairs.

DECEMBER 11th.

The Governor appointed George Cadwell, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Madison county; Hezekiah West, Justice of the Peace of Johnson county.

DECEMBER 13th.

The Governor appointed Benjamin Stephenson Adjutant General.

DECEMBER 14th.

Caldwell Cairnes, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of St. Clair county, vice John Campbell, resigned.

DECEMBER 22d.

William Chaffin and Henry Connar, Justices of the Peace of Randolph county.

JANUARY 1st, 1814.

The Governor appointed George Fisher, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Randolph county.

JANUARY 12th.

Raphael Widen, Justice of the Peace of St. Clair county.

JANUARY 13th.

Jeptha Hardin, Justice of the Peace of Gallatin county.

FEBRUARY 7th.

John Frazer, Coroner, and Henry Oldham and William Houston, Justices of the Peace of Gallatin county.

FEBRUARY 12th.

Thomas E. Craig, Major; Leonard White, Pay-master, and Walter White, Surgeon's Mate, in the Fourth Regiment of the Militia.

FEBRUARY 16th.

Matthew Edes, Justice of the Peace of St. Clair county.

MARCH 9th.

Uel Whiteside, Justice of the Peace, and Daniel G. Moore, Coroner, of Madison county.

MARCH 12TH.

Willis Hargrave Colonel, vice Philip Trammel, resigned, and Leonard White Major, vice Willis Hargrave, promoted, in the 4th regiment of the militia.

APRIL 2ND.

Jarrot Trammel Captain, vice Leonard White, promoted, in the 4th regiment of militia.

APRIL 7TH.

The Governor appointed Harrison Wilson Captain, Samuel W. Kimberly, Lieutenant, John G. Wilson, Ensign of Rifle company in the 4th regiment.

John G. Damewood, Captain, Archibald Roberts, Lieutenant in the 4th regiment.

Paul Haralson, Surveyor of Randolph county.

APRIL 9TH.

Archibald McAllister, Coroner of Johnson county.

APRIL 11TH.

Henry Connar, Coroner of Randolph county.

APRIL 19TH.

Robert Cox and Conrad Will Justices of the Peace of Randolph county.

Thomas Cox and R. C. Gilham, Lieutenants in the Second Regiment.

APRIL 22ND.

John Moore a Justice of the Peace of St. Clair county.

APRIL 29TH.

Francois Menard, Ensign in the 1st regiment.

MAY 4TH.

Prince Bryant and Alexander Jameson, Justices of the Peace, St. Clair county.

JUNE 4TH.

James Hall, Jr., a Justice of the Peace, Randolph county.

George Hacker, Justice of the Peace, Johnson county.

JUNE 6TH.

August Pinconneau, Captain in the Second Regiment.

Amos Squires, Justice of the Peace, St. Clair county.

JUNE 7TH.

John Marshall, Justice of the Peace, Gallatin county.

JUNE 21ST.

Joseph Pumroy and Daniel Boltinghouse, Captains, Henry Stum, Lieutenant, James Hodkins and Wyatt Adkins, Ensigns in the Fourth Regiment of the militia.

The Governor appointed Nicholas Boilvain Justice of the Peace, Madison county.

George Kennedy, Captain, James Kennedy, Lieutenant, at Prairie du Chien.

JULY 4TH.

Henry Barbeau, Captain in the First Regiment.

JULY 8TH.

James Fulton (Jabus), Justice of the Peace of St. Clair county.

JULY 26TH.

Jesse Ekles, Justice of the Peace, Johnson county.

JULY 30TH.

Archibald McNabb, Captain, First Regiment, vice Henry Barbeau, resigned.

JULY 31ST.

John Cockran, Captain in the First Regiment.

Otho Levens, Captain, Amos Paxton, Ensign, in the First Regiment.

AUGUST 1ST.

James Clark, Ensign in the first Regiment.

Hugh H. Maxwell, Aide-de-Camp to the Commander-in-Chief of the militia.

AUGUST 2ND.

Moses Garrett, Captain, S. Clayton, Lieutenant, Hiram Tedwell, Ensign, Fourth Regiment.

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AUGUST 10th.

John McKenney, Justice of the Peace of Madison county, Samuel Judy, Captain of a volunteer company, William M. Going, First Lieutenant, Eli Savage, Second Lieutenant, J. Pruitt, Third Lieutenant, Ettienne Douza, Ensign, in Samuel Judy's company. Enoch Moore, Captain in the Second Regiment.

AUGUST 15th.

Joshua Oglesby, Chaplain to the Illinois Brigade, John Scott, Major, William Arundel, Captain, John Stuntz, Captain, Jacob Clarke, Lieutenant, John Jarvis, Jr., Lieutenant, in the Second Regiment.

SEPTEMBER 8th.

The Governor appointed Bird Lockhart Coroner of Madison county.

SEPTEMBER 19th.

Henry Connors, Sheriff of Randolph county.

SEPTEMBER 20th.

Hugh H. Maxwell, Coroner of Randolph county.

SEPTEMBER 24th.

John F. Smith, Captain, Daniel T. Coleman, Captain, James B. Bailey, Captain, William Thornton, Captain, John Harris, Lieutenant, Ebenezer Kealough, Lieutenant, John Tweedy, Lieutenant, Stephen Smith, Lieutenant, William Hickam, Lieutenant, Nathan Langston, Ensign, William Johnston, Ensign, John Whitaker, Ensign, Isaac Borin, Ensign, William Tripp, Ensign, John Shultz, Ensign, in the Third Regiment of the Militia.

SEPTEMBER 29th.

James D. Thomas, Captain in the Second Regiment, Caldwell Cairnes, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of St. Clair county.

SEPTEMBER 30th.

Jacob Ogle, Justice of the Peace in St. Clair county, Joseph Duncan, Lieutenant, James Chambers, Ensign, Second Regiment, Adam Woolrick, Lieutenant, John Wooton, Ensign, First Regiment.

OCTOBER 4th.

James R. Estis, Surgeon in the Second Regiment.

OCTOBER 27th.

William Alexander, Adjutant General of the Militia.

NOVEMBER 28th.

The Governor appointed Thomas Pullum and Robert Gill, Captains, William Smith, John McIntosh, Ranson Higgins, James Shaw, Thomas Kennedy, Seth Guard, William Barney, Joseph Beard, Justices of the Peace, Abner Armstrong, Sheriff, Robert Baird, Recorder, Levi Compton, Coroner, Nathaniel Claypole, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, all in Edwards county.

DECEMBER 7th.

William L. Smyth, Justice of the Peace, Madison county.

DECEMBER 13th.

The following persons were appointed Clerks of the Supreme Court, viz: Josias Randle, for Madison county, John Hay, for St. Clair county, Robert Morrison, for Randolph county, James Finney, for Johnson county, Joseph M. Street, for Gallatin county, Nathaniel Claypole, for Edwards county.

DECEMBER 22d.

Joshua Scott, Justice of the Peace, Gallatin county.

DECEMBER 24th.

The following persons were appointed Judge of the County Courts, viz.:

John G. Lofton, Thomas Kirkpatrick and George Cadwell, Madison county.

William Biggs, John Thomas and Caldwell Cairnes, St. Clair county.

John McFerron, George Fisher and David Anderson, Randolph county.

Hamlet Ferguson, Jesse Griggs and John B. Murray, Johnson county.

John C. Slocumb, Leonard White and Thomas E. Craig, Gallatin county.

John McIntosh, Seth Guard and William Barney, Edwards county.

The Governor appointed Josias Randle, Clerk of the County Court, Madison county.

John Hay, Clerk of the County Court, St. Clair county.

William C. Greenup, Clerk of the County Court, Randolph county.

James Finney, Clerk of the County Court, Johnson county.

Joseph M. Street, Clerk of the County Court, Gallatin county.

Nathaniel Claypole, Clerk of the County court, Edwards county.

Benjamin Talbott and Lewis Watkins, Justices of the Peace of Gallatin county.

William Mears, Prosecuting Attorney for the district composed of the counties of Madison, St. Clair and Randolph.

Thomas C. Brown, Prosecuting Attorney for the district composed of the counties of Johnson, Gallatin and Edwards.

William Jones, County Treasurer, of Madison county.

John Messenger, County Treasurer, of St. Clair county.

Harrison Wilson, County Treasurer, of Gallatin county.

Levi Compton. County Treasurer, of Edwards county.

G. Marshall, Surveyor of Johnson county; Marvin Fuller, Justice of the Peace for the same.

JANUARY 10th, 1815.

William Alexander, County Treasurer, and Thomas Stenett, Justice of the Peace, of Randolph county.

JANUARY 16th.

Absolem Bradshaw, Captain, Samuel Raner, Lieutenant, First Regiment.

JANUARY 24th.

Matthew Duncan, Justice of the Peace, Randolph county.

FEBRUARY 8th.

Hezekiah West, County Treasurer, of Johnson county.

FEBRUARY 23d.

The Governor appointed John Earthman, Coronor, of Johnson county.

MARCH 9th.

William Whiteside, County Treasurer, of St. Clair county.

MARCH 23d.

Samuel Judy, Colonel of the Second Regiment, vice William Whiteside, deceased.

MARCH 29th.

Alexander Barber, Justice of the Peace, of Randolph county.

APRIL 8th.

William Wakefield, Justice of the Peace, of St. Clair county.

APRIL 24th.

Charles R. Matheny, County Treasurer of St. Clair county, vice William Whiteside, deceased.

APRIL 28th.

Joseph Scott, Justice of the Peace, St. Clair county.

JUNE 10th.

James Finney, William Lameson, Joshua Davis, George Vance Lusk, William Smith and James Beain, Justices of the Peace, of Johnson county, and John Bradshaw, Coroner of the same.

JUNE 15th.

William Speed, Justice of the Peace, of Gallatin county, John Bowman, Justice of the Peace, of Johnson county, Thomas Griffith, Major, Martin Harrick, Captain, Third Regiment, Henry Carr, Ensign, in the Second Regiment.

JUNE 16th.

Thomas Roberts, Captain, John Belderback, Lieutenant, John Sykes, Ensign, First Regiment.

JUNE 23d.

Robert Baird, Surveyor and Justice of the Peace, of Edwards county.

AUGUST 2d.

James R. Estes, Justice of the Peace, of St. Clair county.

AUGUST 3d.

The Governor appointed Otho Levens, Captain, Amos Paxton, Lieutenant, John Vance, Ensign, First Regiment, William Belderback, Captain, Archibald Steele, Lieutenant, Samuel Mansker, Ensign, First Regiment.

AUGUST 4th.

Thomas Lawrison, Justice of the Peace, of Johnson county, John Shultz, Captain, Thomas Lawrison, Captain, William Richy, Lieutenant, James Fisher, Lieutenant, James Johnson, Lieutenant, John Fisher, Ensign, Robert Miller, Ensign, Third Regiment.

AUGUST 5th.

Thomas Gilham, Justice of the Peace, of St. Clair county, John Marshall, Judge of the County Court, of Gallatin county.

AUGUST 5th.

Absolem Cox, Captain, David Anderson, First Lieutenant, George Creath, Second Lieutenant, William McBride, Third Lieutenant, Cyrus Fulton, Ensign, company of Mounted Volunteers, First Regiment.

AUGUST 7th.

Ralph Drury, Justice of the Peace, Randolph county.

AUGUST 12th.

Nathan Clampet, Seth Hargrave, John Townsend, Lieutenants, William Eubanks, Samuel Hargrave, George Vineyard, Ensigns, 4th Regiment.

Ephraïm Hubbard, Sheriff of Gallatin county.

AUGUST 22nd.

Amos Squire, Major, John Reynolds, Judge Advocate, 2nd Regiment.

SEPTEMBER 1st.

The Governor appointed Hamlet Ferguson, Sheriff of Johnson county.

SEPTEMBER 25th.

John Compton, Lieutenant, James Chism, Ensign, in the militia of Edwards county. Guy W. Smith, Clerk of the County Court of Edwards county, vice N. Claypole, deceased. Samuel Hays, Justice of the Peace, Gallatin county.

SEPTEMBER 27th.

Ralph P. Day, Justice of the Peace, St. Clair county.

DECEMBER 6th.

Theron Brownfield, Justice of the Peace, St. Clair county. Samuel Harris, Justice of the Peace, Edwards county.

The House of Representatives having expelled James Gilbreath, a member thereof from Randolph county, the Governor issued a writ of election directed to the Sheriff of Randolph county, requiring him to hold an election to supply the vacancy occasioned thereby.

DECEMBER 13th.

The Governor remitted all the militia fines imposed by courts-martial during this year.

The Governor appointed Hypolite Menard, Captain, Francois Menard, Lieutenant, 1st regiment.

John Compton, Francis Cullum, Lieutenants, Joseph Macomb, James Chissom, Ensigns, in the battalion of militia in Edwards county.

DECEMBER 23rd.

Abraham Prickett, Justice of the Peace of Madison county.

JANUARY 10th, 1816.

Alexander Waddell, Joseph Eberman, Justices of the Peace in Madison county.

The Governor appointed William Alexander Recorder and Clerk of the County Court.

Caldwell Cairnes, Thomas Todd, James Lemon Senr. Judges of the County Court. All in Monroe county. The Clerk and Judges to hold their offices during good behavior for three years from the first day of June 1816.

James B. Moore, Sheriff, John Moore, County Treasurer, of Monroe county.

All the above commissions were to take effect on the first day of June, 1816.

John C. Slocumb, Joseph Pumroy, Willis Hargrave, Judges, James Ratcliff, Clerk County Court of White county during good behavior for three years from February I, 1816.

Benjamin R. Smith, Sheriff, James Ratcliff, Recorder, Lowrey Hay, Surveyor in White county.

William Nash, Daniel McHenry, Lowery Hay, Stephen Standly, Thomas Rutledge, Edmond Covington, Moses Thompson, Thomas Randolph, Justices of the Peace in White county.

All the above commissions for White county took effect February 1, 1816.

Willis Hargrave, Colonel, Joseph Pumroy, William McHenry, Majors, Fifth Regiment, White county.

JANUARY 10th.

The Governor appointed Joseph Scott, Justice of the Peace of St. Clair county.

Thomas E. Craig, Colonel, William C. Vought, Captain, Peter C. Seaton, Lieutenant, James Melton, Ensign, Fourth Regiment.

William Hickman, Captain, William Lendsay, Lieutenant, John Whitaker, Lieutenant, William McNorton, Lieutenant, Rawson Davis, Ensign, Joseph Parrin, Ensign, Third Regiment.

William Gilham, Captain, Henry Cook, Captain, Isaac Gilham, Lieutenant, Martin Jones, Ensign, John Barnett. Ensign, Second Regiment.

Thomas E. Craig, Leonard White, John Marshall, Judges, Joseph M. Street, Clerk County Court of Gallatin county. Good behavior for three years.

JANUARY 11th.

Risdon Moore, William Biggs, John Thomas, Judges, John Hay, Clerk County Court of St. Clair county during good behavior for three years.

Samuel Judy, George Cadwell, Thomas Kirkpatrick, Judges, Josias Randle, Clerk County Court of Madison county during good behavior for three years.

John Weldon, Justice of the Peace, Johnson county.

JANUARY 11th.

The Governor appointed George Fisher, John McFerron, David Anderson, Judges, William C. Greenup, Clerk County Court of Randolph county during good behavior for three years.

John McIntosh, Seth Guard, William Barney, Judges, Guy W. Smith, Clerk, County Court of Edwards county, during good behavior for three years.

John B. Murray, Marvin Fuller, James Weaver, Judges, James Finney, Clerk, of County Court of Johnson county, during good behavior for three years.

Daniel Boultinghouse, Stephen Clayton, Justices of the Peace, White county.

John Robinson, Justice of the Peace, Madison county.

JANUARY 13th.

Daniel P. Cook, Auditor of Public Accounts.

JANUARY 17th.

James Hull, Jesse Griggs, Nathan Davis, Judges of the County Court of Jackson county, during good behavior for three years from the first of April, 1816.

George Creath, Sheriff of Jackson county.

FEARUARY 27th.

Joseph M. Street, Justice of the Peace, of Gallatin county.

MARCH 2nd.

Thomas Ferguson, Benoni Lee, Judges, Joshua Scott, Clerk, of the County Court of Pope county, during good behavior for three years from April 1st, 1816.

Thomas Lawrison, Surveyor of Pope county.

John Craw, Justice of the Peace of Gallatin county.

Joseph Meachum, Justice of the Peace, Madison county.

MARCH 5th.

Moses Short, Justice of the Peace, St. Clair county.

MARCH 11th.

The Governor appointed Robert Lacy, Judge of the Court [county] of Pope county, during good behavior for three years.

Samuel Omelveney, James Alcorn, Justices of the Peace, Joshua Scott, Recorder, Pope county.

MARCH 23d.

James McRoberts, John Primm, James Whaley, Justices of the Peace, Monroe county.

Abraham Amos, Judge of the County Court of Monroe county, during good behavior for three years.

William Padfield, Justice of the Peace, St. Clair county.

MARCH 25th.

William Wilson, Clerk of the County Court of Jackson county during good behavior for three years.

William Wilson, Recorder, Conrad Will, William Boon, Justices of the Peace, Jackson county.

Hamlet Ferguson, Sheriff of Pope county.

John Bradshaw, Judge of the County Court of Johnson county.

James S. Davis, Sheriff of Johnson county.

MARCH 27th.

Vance Lusk, James A. Whiteside, Justices of the Peace of Pope county.

APRIL 3d.

John Marshall, Justice of the Peace, Michael Robinson, County Treasurer, Jackson county.

APRIL 17th.

Joseph French, County Treasurer of Jackson county, vice Michael Robinson, whose commission was revoked.

Joseph Barton, County Treasurer of Randolph county.

APRIL 19th.

William Bennet, Justice of the Peace, Randolph county. Benjamin Watts, Judge of the County Court of St. Clair county.

The Governor departed from the territory.

APRIL 30th.

The Secretary appointed John Bayers, Justice of the Peace of Jackson county. Kimber Barton, County Treasurer of Randolph county, vice Joseph Barton, who refused to act.

MAY 15th.

*James Ross, Captain; George Hargrave, Lieutenant; Harry Wilton, Ensign, 4th Regiment, vice Captain Trammel and his subalterns.

MAY 20th.

Thomas Lawrison, James Titsworth, James M. Fox, John Pritchard, James Richay, Justices of the Peace of Pope county.

Abel Fike, Peter Mitchell, Justices of the Peace of St. Clair county.

MAY 23rd.

John Williams, Justice of the Peace of Gallatin county.

JUNE 5th.

*Alexander Jameson, Prince Bryant, Theron Brownfield, Jehu Scott, William Chaffin, Justices of the Peace of Monroe county.

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* It appears from a commission exhibited that Alexander Jameson was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Monroe county the 4th day of May, 1816, and not the 5th day of June, as entered in this book.

JUNE 18th.

William Barnett, County Treasurer of Randolph county, vice Kimber Barton, resigned.

JUNE 20th.

John Lane, John C. Trousdale, Captains; James Hall, William Barker, Moses Blazer, John Pittsford, Lieutenants; John Proctor, Nathaniel Harrison, William Jordan, Ensigns, 4th Regiment of the Militia.

Theophilus M. Nichols, Ensign in the 2nd Regiment. Edward H. Piper, County Treasurer of White county.

JUNE 21st.

The Secretary appointed Joshua Scott, Justice of the Peace of Pope county. Guy W. Smith, Robert Freyer, Justices of the Peace of Edwards county.

JULY 15th.

Daniel Hay, County Treasurer of White county, vice Edward H. Piper, resigned.

JULY 23rd.

Griffin Tyler, William Nash, Thomas Mays, Captains; Michael Dickason, Aaron Williams, William Rutledge, Lieutenants; William Council, Daniel Lynch, John Davidson, Ensigns in the Militia of White county.

Edward N. Cullum, Justice of the Peace of Edwards county.

Elias Jordan, Captain; John Campbell, Lieutenant; Jacob Painter, Ensign, in the Militia of Edwards county.

John Shults, Moses Hamm, (?) Captains; James Jordon, Lieutenant; Nicholas Wren, Ensign, in the 4th Regiment of the Militia.

JULY 26th.

Matthew Duncan, Recorder of Randolph county.

AUGUST 4th.

The Governor returned to the territory.

AUGUST 6th.

The Governor appointed Benjamin Maneer Justice of the Peace of Johnson county; Hosiah Boring, William Piles, Irvin Morris and Andrew Cockran Justices of the Peace of Johnson county.

AUGUST 10th.

The Governor appointed Charles Mick Justice of the Peace of Gallatin county; Alexander Glass, Coroner, and John Damerell, Justice of the Peace, Pope county; Henry Kenyon County Treasurer of Gallatin county; John Moore, Coroner of Monroe county.

AUGUST 16th.

Antoine Z. Chenet, Justice of the Peace, Randolph county.

AUGUST 22nd.

Governor absent from the Territory. The Secretary appointed James Tannehill, Justice of the Peace, St. Clair county; David Shearer Justice of the Peace of Pope county.

AUGUST 28th.

Stephen Hogg, Judge of the county court of Gallatin county: Ralph Drury, Justice of the Peace of Monroe county.

SEPTEMBER 25th.

Samuel Judy resigned his appointment of Colonel of the Second Regiment of the militia.

The Governor appointed Colonel of the Fourth Regiment of Illinois militia; appointed Jacob Ogle county Treasurer of St. Clair county; appointed Samuel Redman Coroner of St. Clair county.

OCTOBER 22nd.

Appointed William Bennett Coroner of Randolph county.

NOVEMBER 12th.

Appointed Robert Scott County Treasurer of Pope county.

DECEMBER 10th.

Appointed James McRoberts Judge of the county court of Monroe county in room of Abraham Amos, resigned.

DECEMBER 12th.

Appointed Jesse Cooper a Justice of of the Peace for Monroe county.

DECEMBER 20th.

Appointed John McIntire Major of the militia in Edwards county.

JANUARY 1, 1817.

Appointed Samuel Harris Justice of the Peace for Crawford county.

JANUARY 2nd.

The Governor appointed Allen McGahay, Coroner, George Kincaid, Smith Shaw and James Shaw, Justices of the Peace, Edward H. Piper Clerk of the County Court and Recorder of the county, Francis Cullom, Sheriff, John Dunlap, Surveyor, all for Crawford county.

JANUARY 6th.

Appointed Samuel G. Morse, Sheriff, Daniel Converse, Clerk of the County Court, of Bond county.

JANUARY 10th.

Appointed Robert K. McLaughlin Clerk of the Court, St. Clair county, vice John Hay, resigned.

JANUARY 13th.

Appointed N. G. R. Rhea, Thos. C. Brown and William Mears Circuit Attorneys.

Appointed Hamlet Ferguson, Colonel of the Sixth Regiment; Owen Evans, Colonel of the Third Regiment; James B. Moore, Colonel of the Second Regiment; Jacob Short, Major in the Second Regiment; Francis Cullom, Major in the Eighth Regiment; William Reed, Captain in the Second Regiment; Joseph Ogle, Lieutenant in the Second Regiment; Henry Mace, Ensign in the Second Regiment; Jonathan Stewart, Captain in the Fifth Regiment; Lowry Hay, Major in the Fifth Regiment; William Montgomery, Captain in the Seventh Regiment; Robert St. Clair, Captain in the Seventh Regiment; Isaac Smith, Lieutenant in the Seventh Regiment; Harvey Gillham, Ensign in the Seventh Regiment; William Greene, Lieutenant in the Seventh Regiment; George Morris, Lieutenant in the Fifth Regiment; James Patton, Ensign in the Fifth Regiment.

JANUARY 14th.

John Groves, Major, in the Fourth Regiment, James Ross, Major in the Fourth Regiment, John A. Givens, Captain in the Fourth Regiment.

The Governor appointed Jos. McCombe, Captain in the Fourth Regiment.

Governor appointed Samuel Gaston Lieutenant in the Fourth Regiment.

Governor appointed Andrew McClure Ensign in the Fourth Regiment.

Governor appointed Lewis Barton Major in the Sixth Regiment.

Governor appointed William McFatridge Justice of the Peace for Pope county.

Governor appointed John Whitaker Justice of the Peace for Johnson county.

Governor appointed Ebenezer Piatt Justice of the Peace for Jackson county.

Governor appointed George Brown Justice of the Peace of Johnson county.

Governor appointed James Gill Justice of the Peace of Jackson county.

Governor appointed Isaac D. Bates Justice of the Peace for Jackson county.

Governor appointed Benjamin F. Connor Justice of the Peace for Jackson county.

Governor appointed Adam Shultz Justice of the Peace for Gallatin county.

Governor appointed Parke Grovenor Justice of the Peace for Jackson county.

Governor appointed John Hargrave, jr., Surveyor for Johnson county.

Governor appointed Irvin Morris Coroner for Johnson county.

Governor appointed Pamenias Redman Notary Public for Gallatin county.

Governor appointed Robert Frazer Judge of the County Court of Edwards county, in place of Seth Gard, resigned.

Governor appointed Richard Graham a Justice of Peace for White county.

Governor appointed Daniel Hay a Justice of Peace for White county.

Governor appointed Charles Humphreys a Justice of Peace for Jackson county.

Governor appointed Marmaduke S. Davenport Judge of County Court of Gallatin county.

Governor appointed George McKinsey a Justice of the Peace for White county.

Governor appointed Peter Philips, William Wheeler, John B. Stoveal, Justices of the Peace, and Henry Jones, Coroner, all for White county.

Governor appointed William Poole Coroner for the county of Edwards.

Govenor appointed William R. Ashby a Justice of the Peace for the county of Gallatin.

Governor appointed Andrew Slack a Justice of the Peace for the county of Gallatin.

Governor appointed John McCrary a Justice of the Peace for the county of Gallatin.

Governor appointed William Jones Judge of the County Court of Madison county.

JANUARY 16th.

Governor appointed John T. Lusk a Justice of the Peace for Madison county.

JANUARY 28.

Governor appointed Morvin Puller County Surveyor for the county of Jackson.

Governor appointed Edward Clarke Ensign in the First Regiment.

Governor appointed Joseph Palmer Judge of the County Court of Johnson county.

Governor appointed Michael Dodd Ensign in the Seventh Regiment.

JANUARY 28th.

Appointed by the Governor, John Waddle, Lieutenant in the Seventh Regiment, Hiram Arthurs, Ensign in the Seventh Regiment.

FEBRUARY 3d.

David G. Coleman, Adjutant to the Third Regiment, David Arundel, Captain in the Third Regiment.

FEBRUARY 8th.

James Clark, a Justice of the Peace for Randolph county.

FEBRUARY 12th.

Enoch Moore, Surveyor of Monroe county.

William C. Vaught, Justice of the Peace for Gallatin county, in the room (of) Wm. R. Ashby who refused to accept.

Thos. Kirkpatrick and John Powers, Judges in Bond county.

John Kirkpatrick, a Justice of the Peace, Daniel Converse, a Justice of the Peace and Recorder in Bond county.

James Robinson, Coroner of Madison county.

FEBRUARY 20th.

Asahel Enloe, Surveyor of Madison county.

FEBRUARY 24th.

Abraham Prickett, a Justice of the Peace in said county.

FEBRUARY 26th.

Samuel Whitesides, Major in the Seventh Regiment.

FEBRUARY 27th.

Martin Jones, Surveyor for Bond county, and Judge of the County Court of Bond county.

MARCH 1st.

Isaiah Price and Levi Casey, Justices of the Peace for Bond county.

MARCH 3d.

Charles R. Matheny, Circuit Attorney for the First Judicial District.

MARCH 7th.

Henry Cook Major in the Seventh Regiment.

MARCH 17th.

Joseph Philips, (being heretofore commissioned) before his Excellency, Ninian Edwards, took the usual oath of fidelity and office as Secretary of this Territory, in the following words, to-wit:

Illinois Territory, ss:

Personally appeared before me, Ninian Edwards, Governor of the Territory aforesaid, Joseph Philips, who took the oath of fidelity to the United States, and the oath of office as Secretary, in and for the said Territory.

Given under my hand, at Kaskaskia, this 17th day of March, 1817, and of the Independence of the United States the forty-first.

NINIAN EDWARDS.

Which said commission, is in the words following, to-wit:

James Madison, President of the United States of America. To all who shall see these presents, greeting:

Know Ye, That reposing special trust, and confidence, in the integrity, diligence, and ability of Joseph Philips, of Tennessee, I have nominated, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint him Secretary, in and for the Illinois Territory, and do authorize and impower him to execute and fulfil the duties of that office according to law, and to have, and to hold, the said office with all the powers, privileges and emoluments to the same of right, appertaining, for the term of four years from the day of the date hereof, unless the President of the United States, for the time being, should be pleased sooner to revoke and determine this commission.

I testimony whereof I have caused these letters to be made patent, and the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at the City of Washington, the seventeenth day of December, A. D. 1816, and of the Independence of the United States of America the forty-first.

JAMES MADISON.

By the President:

JAMES MONROE, *Secretary of State.*

MARCH 24th.

Appointed by the Governor, James N. Foxe, Major in the Sixth Regiment. James Allcorn, Sheriff of Pope county, vice H. Ferguson, resigned.

MARCH 25th.

The Governor absent from the territory.

APRIL 3rd.

The Governor returned and entered on his official duties.

APRIL 4th.

Appointed John S. Damewood, Major in the 4th Regiment of Illinois Militia. Governor appointed Levi W. Smith, Colonel in the 8th Regiment, Illinois Militia. Governor appointed John Shultz a Justice of the Peace for Gallatin county, formerly commissioned Adam Shultz, through mistake.

APRIL 5th.

Governor appointed Andrew Bankson, Major in the 2nd Regiment. Governor appointed Isaac Griffin, Captain, in 2nd Regiment. Robert Middleton, Lieutenant; Bennett Mason, Ensign; Mathew, Eades, Captain; Payton R. Bankson, Lieutenant; Theophilus Herald, John Ryan, John Sommers, Ensigns, in 2nd Regiment.

Robert Blackwell, Auditor of Public Accounts, vice D. P. Cook, resigned.

APRIL 6th.

Charles Humphreys, Clerk of the County Court of Jackson county.

Conrad Will, Recorder, of Jackson county, commission to expire 20th May, 1817.

APRIL 13th.

Passport granted Owen Evans, agent of George W. Atcheson, to ascend the Illinois river to Chicago with provisions, etc., and permission to dispose of the same on his route.

APRIL 15th.

Appointed William M. Darley, Captain; John Bradley, Lieutenant; John Burchfield, Ensign, in the 3rd Regiment Illinois Militia.

APRIL 17th.

Appointed William Lockhart, a Justice of the Peace for Crawford county.

APRIL 18th.

Appointed John Cook, Captain; Absolom Baker, Lieutenant; Fields Jarvis, Ensign; Isaac Ferguson, Captain; John Warrick, Lieutenant; William Samples, Ensign; Paul Beck, Captain; Peter Hubbard, Lieutenant; Samuel Davidson, Ensign; John Lorton, Captain, John Hopton, Lieutenant; John Whitley, Ensign, in the 7th Regiment.

MAY 9th.

Appointed Thomas C. Patterson, Sheriff of Johnson county, vice J. S. Davis, removed.

Appointed John F. Smith, a Justice of the Peace for Johnson county, vice William Smith, deceased.

Appointed Daniel S. Swearengen, Justice of the Peace for St. Clair county.

MAY 11th.

Appointed Thomas Tovery, Esquire Stoval and John Townsend, Captains in 5th Regiment.

Appointed Aaron Williams in room of Griffin Taylor, removed.

Appointed Carter Smith, Peyton Hunt, Jordan Vance and John Stovall, Lieutenants in the 5th Regiment of Illinois Militia.

Appointed Robert Watson, Rawley Williams, John Dale and George Steele, Ensigns in the 5th Regiment.

Appointed Robert Thomas and Alexander Jemmeson, Lieutenants in the 2nd Regiment.

MAY 22nd.

Appointed John Howard, a Justice of the Peace for Madison county.
Appointed Samuel Whitesides, Colonel of the 7th Regiment.

MAY 24th.

Appointed Alex. Trousdale, and Robt. Shipley, Justices for White county.

MAY 26th.

Appointed Asa Leadbetter and Jacob Sexton, Justices for Gallatin county.

Appointed Hamlet Ferguson and David S. Taylor, Judges for Pope county.

Appointed John Grayson, a Justice of the Peace for Edwards county.

The resignations of Thomas Ferguson, and Robert Lacy as Judges of Pope county, received and accepted by the Governor.

William Gilham Captain in the 7th Regiment, resigned.

MAY 31st.

The Governor appointed Chas. Humphreys, Recorder in Jackson county.

JUNE 2d.

The Governor appointed Paul Harlston a Justice of the Peace, for Randolph county.

JUNE 3d.

The Governor absent from the territory. The Secretary made the following appointments, to-wit: Hiram Arthur, Captain in the 7th Regiment; Thomas Lofton, Lieutenant, and James Gillham Ensign in said 7th Regiment.

JUNE 9th.

James W. Bradsby, Captain, William Tilford, Lieutenant and Wm. Journey Ensign, in 2d Regiment.

JUNE 14th.

The Governor returned to the Seat of Government.

JUNE 17th.

Appointed Wood Lampkin, Captain; Absolom Trigers, Lieutenant; Jonathan Williams, Ensign; Hiram Jones, Lieutenant, in the 5th Regiment.

Daniel Hay, Captain; Seth Hargrave, Lieutenant; Asa Ross, Ensign, of the Rifle Company, 5th Regiment.

JUNE 20th.

Captain William C. Vaught, Major, in the 4th Regiment, vice Jno. Groves, resigned.

John Caldwell, Judge of Gallatin county, vice Leonard White, resigned, same day.

John Bull, Justice of the Peace, in Gallatin county.

JUNE 24th.

Thomas Rattan, a Justice of the Peace, for St. Clair county.

JULY 8th.

Clayton Tiffin, Surgeon, of the 7th Regiment Illinois Territory.

Samuel Myers, Justice of the County of St. Clair.

JULY 9th.

Christy Fitch, and John Lockhart. Justices of the Peace, for Crawford county.

Samuel Marshall and William Spencer, Justices of the Peace, for Edwards county.

John F. Richardson, George W. Bratton, Captains; Samuel Brainberry, Lieutenant.

Stephen Handy, James Gill, Ensigns, in the 8th Regiment.

Patterson James, Robert Miller, and Joseph Woods, Ensigns in the 8th Regiment.

JULY 21st.

John Forrester, John T. Wents, (?) Captains; James Fields, John Baldwin, Lieutenants; Daniel Dilland, Ensign. All in the 4th Regiment.

Ervin Morris, Sheriff of Johnson county, vice Thomas Patterson, resigned, same day.

JULY 17th.

John Clendenen, Lieutenant; Amos Lively, Ensign, in the 1st Regiment.

AUGUST 12th.

Wm. MmBride, Junior Captain in place of Absolom Cox, resigned, same day. Robert Thomson, Lieutenant, in place of Wm. McBride, resigned, 12th August. James Anderson, Ensign, in place of John Hill, resigned, same day, 1st Regiment.

AUGUST 16th.

Isaac Ferguson, Major; Wm. Townsend, Captain, in place of J. Ferguson. John Herron, Lieutenant in the 7th Regiment.

AUGUST 17th.

John Reed, Ensign, former Lieutenant and Ensign, removed.

Resignation of Colonel Hargrave received and accepted as Lieutenant Colonel Illinois Milltia.

Resignation of Wm. R. Ashley, Justice for Gallatin county accepted.

Greene B. Fields, Captain, Wm. Sams, Captain, Lincoln Harper, Captain, John Cross and Elijah McFerron and George Everts, Lieutenants.

The Governor appointed Nicholas Edwards, John Roberts and Daniel Shipman, Ensigns, all in the Sixth Regiment of Illinois Militia.

David Kealough, Judge in Pope county, vice H. Ferguson, resigned.

Adin E. Meacham, Lieutenant, in place of Isaac Smith resigned. John Bates, Ensign, in place of Hervey Gillham, resigned in the Seventh Regiment.

William Rutherford, Captain, in place of Wm. Reed, deceased.

AUGUST 18th.

Jacob Clark, Captain, promoted to fill the place of Enoch Moore, resigned. John Ryan, promoted to Lieutenant. All in the Second Regiment.

Dudley Williams, Dempsey Odane, Asa Leadbetter, and Frederick R. Buck, Captains, promoted from Lieutenants in Fourth Regiment.

John Scroggins, John Williams, Lieutenants, and David Springs, Ensign in the Fourth Regiment.

J. Milton Moore Justice of the Peace for Monroe county.

AUGUST 22d.

Upon the petition of Jesse B. Thomas, the Governor issued a commission, remiting twenty-five dollars of the fine imposed on Matthew Atcheson by the Circuit Court for the county of St. Clair, the last fall session for assault and battery on Nelly Johnson.

AUGUST 27th.

Appointed Samuel Marshall Judge for Edwards county, and revoked his commission as Justice of Peace.

Appointed Moses Bedell, James McMillin, Caleb Jordan, Sardis R. Chase, Captains; Jesse B. Brown, Jairus Fordice, Isaac B. Smith, Joseph Dougharty, Lieutenants; Edward Brynes, Asa Smith, William B. Adams, Nathan Rawlings, Ensigns, all in the Eighth Regiment.

Appointed Peter Lewis, George Vineyard, Captains; Thomas Kilton, John Eubanks, Lieutenants; James Glass, John Rumer, Ensigns, in Sixth Regiment.

John McLean, Captain, Joseph Hay Lieutenant and Parmenias Redman, Lieutenant of the company of Artillery in the Second Brigade.

AUGUST 28th.

Elijah C. Berry, Auditor of Public Accounts for the Illinois Territory in place of Robert Blackwill, resigned.

Miles Hotchkiss, Recorder of Randolph county.

SEPTEMBER 24th.

Robert Frazer, Adjutant, Thos. Gold, paymaster, John Damewood, Surgeon of the Eighth Regiment.

Abijah Leavett, Adjutant of the First Regiment.

SEPTEMBER 27th.

Nathan Arnett, Justice of the Peace for Jackson county.

SEPTEMBER 29th.

Henry Oldham, Judge for Gallatin county in place of John Caldwell, who refused to accept.

OCTOBER 3d.

The Governor appointed James Clendenan in place of Thomas Roberts, resigned.

John Pillars, Captain, Solomon Furzee, Lieutenant, and James Robertson, Ensign, in the First Regiment.

OCTOBER 10th.

James Martin, Justice of the Peace for Edwards county.

Adam I. Fisk, Justice of the Peace for Pope county.

OCTOBER 11th.

Resignations of Lieutenant Antoine Blay and of Ensign Art. Blay received and accepted.

OCTOBER 16th.

David Hendershott, Captain of a light company, Samuel Sybole, Lieutenant, and John Conway, Ensign, in the Seventh Regiment.

OCTOBER 31st.

Resignation of Conrad Will. a Justice of the Peace for Jackson county, received and accepted.

NOVEMBER 18th.

Palemon Winchester Aide-de-Camp to the Commander-in-Chief.

Captain William Arundel, resigned; Lieut. Louis Gervais, resigned; Capt. August Trottier, resigned; Thomas Ruteledge, a Justice of the Peace for White county, resigned.

Appointed Moses Quick a Justice of the Peace for St. Clair county, vice M. Shorts, resigned.

Appointed Samuel Newell and Farleton Boran, Justices for Edwards county.

Appointed George Kinder, Captain, Abr'm Prickett, Lieutenant, and Jepthah Lamkins, Ensign in the Seventh Regiment.

NOVEMBER 19th.

Governor absent from the Territory.

NOVEMBER 23rd.

The Secretary made the following appointments: Thomas Reynolds, Circuit Attorney for the Second Judicial Circuit.

DECEMBER 1st.

The Governor returned to the seat of government.

DECEMBER 10th.

James E. Willis, Justice of the Peace for Pope county.

Peter F. Seaton, Captain, Richard T. Jones, Lieutenant, Samuel Seaton. Ensign, Tounsin Talton, Lieutenant, and James Moreland, Ensign in the Fourth Regiment.

John Frazer resigned his appointment of Coroner of Gallatin county. and John Forrester appointed in his place.

James Steele, Captain, Joshua Williams, Lieutenant, George Jackson, Ensign in the Sixth Regiment.

Levi Roberts, Justice of the Peace for Madison county.

William L. May, a Justice of the Peace for Madison county, vice Abraham Prickett, resigned.

Thomas C. Patterson and Harrison Willson, Justices of the Peace for Gallatin county.

DECEMBER 17th.

Appointed Robert Thomas and Thos. W. Talbott, Justices for St. Clair county.

Jonathan Harris, Justice of the Peace for Madison county.

DECEMBER 25th.

John L. Whiteside, Captain, Joshua Talbott, Lieutenant, Caleb Lacy, Ensign, Alexander Jemmison, Captain, John Summers, Lieutenant, John Scott, Ensign in the Second Regiment.

Jacob Stout, Lieutenant, Michel Laciere Lieutenant, Joseph Trottiere, Ensign, in the Second Regiment.

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Abner Field, Clerk and Recorder of Union county.

Peter Hubbard, Justice of the Peace for Bond county.

Francis Cullom, Lieutenant Colonel of the Ninth Regiment.

Abner Field, Justice of the Peace for Union county.

James Fulton, a justice of the Peace for St. Clair county, removed from office.

JANUARY 8th.

Jos. Penn and Henry Walker, Justices of the Peace for St. Clair county.

Joseph Pomery, Lieutenant Colonel, Wm. Nash, Major, in the Fifth Regiment.

Jesse B. Brown, Clerk of Edwards County Court, vice G. W. Smith, resigned.

Isaiah Cummings, Martin Woods, and Micajah Coxe, Justices for Madison county.

Andrew Wilkins, Justice of the Peace for Gallatin county.

John McCalla, Justice of the Peace for Edwards county.

Samuel Slocum, Justice of the Peace for White county.

JANUARY 9th.

William Cullom, Commissioner for taking the census of Crawford county.

Guy Smith, Commissioner for to take the census in Edwards county.

Hezekiah Davis, Coroner for Jackson county.

JANUARY 11th.

James Cochran, Justice of the Peace for Franklin county. Isham Harrison, John Ewing and John Crawford, Judges of Franklin county. Isaac Perkins, John McCreary and Isaac Herring, Justices for Franklin county.

Daniel Hay, Commissioner to take the census in White county.

Samuel Omelvaney, Commissioner to take the census in Pope county.

Hezekiah West, Commissioner to take the census in Johnson county.

William Moore, Commissioner to take the census in St. Clair county.

JANUARY 13th.

Charles Humphreys, Clerk of the Circuit and County Court of Jackson county.

Daniel S. Swearingen, Sheriff of Washington county.

Joseph Borough, Commissioner to take the census in Madison county.

Joseph Conway, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Madison county.

William H. Bradsby, Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts, and Recorder for the County of Washington.

Appointed Isham Harrison, Surveyor and Justice of the Peace for Franklin county; Marmaduke S. Davenport, Sheriff of Franklin county; Joseph Palmer, Sheriff of Union county; Otho Davenport, Justice of the Peace of Gallatin county; John Weldon, Justice of the Peace of Union county; Thomas Greene, George Brown, and Rice Sams, Justices of the Peace for Union county; Jeremiah Brown, Commissioner to take the census in Union county; Abner Field, Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts of Union county; Robert K. McLaughlin, Clerk of the County Court in St. Clair county; James Ratcliff, Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts of White county; Edward H. Piper, Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts of Crawford county; Josias Randle, Clerk of the County Court of Madison county; James Finney, Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts of Johnson county; Joshua Scott, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pope county; John Hay, Clerk of the Circuit Court of St. Clair county; Jesse B. Brown, Clerk of the Circuit and County (Courts) of Edwards county; John Grammar, and John Bradshaw, Justices of the Peace for Union county; William Hickman, Justice of the Peace for Franklin county; Wm. McFatridge, Justice of the Peace for Johnson county; Jos. M. Street, Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts of Gallatin county; John Hargrave, Surveyor of the County of Union; Wm. McCoy, Commissioner to take the census in Gallatin county; Benoni Lee, a Justice of the Peace for Pope county; Daniel P. Cook, Circuit Judge for the Western Circuit, Illinois Territory; David S. Taylor, a Justice of the Peace for Pope county; John McLean, Judge of the Eastward Circuit Illinois Territory; Jesse Eckols, George Baker, John C. Smith, William Piles, George Hunsucker, Abner Kieth and Hasey Brown, Justices for Union county; John Whitacre, Coroner of Union county.

JANUARY 14th.

Edward Clark, Lieutenant and Seth Chaffin, Ensign in the First Regiment.

JANUARY 15th.

Richard Elliott, Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts and Recorder of Franklin county.

JANUARY 16th.

Enoch Moore, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Monroe county; William Alexander, Clerk of the County Court of Monroe county.

JANUARY 17th.

Wm. C. Greenup, Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts of Randolph.

JANUARY 19th.

Daniel Converse, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bond county; Martin Jones, Commissioner for taking the census in Bond county; appointed Jno. Moore, Commissioner for taking the census in Monroe county; Ezra Owens, Commissioner for taking the census in Randolph county; John Powers and Thos. Kirkpatrick, Justices of the Peace for Bond county; Thomas Rattan and Jachry Maddux, Justices of the Peace for Washington county.

JANUARY 20th.

The Governor absent.

JANUARY 31st.

The Secretary appointed Miles Hotchkiss a Justice of the Peace for Randolph county.

FEBRUARY 5th.

Conrad Wills a Justice of the Peace for Jackson county; Enoch Moore, Clerk of the County Court of Monroe, vice Wm. Alexander, who refused to accept.

FEBRUARY 9th.

Samuel Gilham, a Justice of the Peace for Madison county.

FEBRUARY 10th.

Jacob Lurton, a Justice of the Peace for Madison county.

FEBRUARY 16th.

The Governor returned to the seat of government.

FEBRUARY 17th.

Elias K. Kane, Judge for the Eastern Circuit, vice John McLean, refused; William Mears, Circuit Judge for the Eastern Circuit in place of E. K. Kane, who refused to serve; William Biggs, Risdon Moore, and Benjamin Watts, Justices for St. Clair county; David Pierce, James Bankson, James Fisher, Jacob Turman, Justices for Washington county; James Pierce, Surveyor and Coroner for Washington county; Simon M. Hubbard, Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts and Recorder for Franklin county, vice R. Elliott, refused to accept.

Rhodolphus Langworthy was appointed by N. Edwards, Governor of Illinois Territory, a Justice of the Peace for Madison county, which was not registered.

FEBRUARY 28th.

Thomas Johnson, Amos Squires, Samuel Judy, William Jones, and George Cadwell, Justices of the Peace for Madison county; George Fisher, David Anderson, and John McFerron, Justices for Randolph county; Thomas McRoberts and Caldwell Carnes, Justices for Monroe county; Jesse Griggs, Nathan Davis and James Hall, Justices for Jackson county; James Shaw, Smith Shaw, and George Kinkaid, Justices for Crawford county; John Slocomb, Willis Hargrave, and Joseph Pomeroy, Justices for White county; Samuel Marshal, Wm. Barney, and Robt. Frazer, Justices for Edwards county; John Marshal and Henry Oldham, Justices for Gallatin county; David Keelough, a Justice of the Peace for Pope county; John Johnson, a Justice of the Peace for Washington county.

MARCH 3d.

Cornelius Lafferty, a Justice of the Peace for Gallatin county; Jeptha Hardin, Judge of the Eastern Circuit, vice Wm. Mears, who declined to serve; Andrew Bankson, Colonel of the Tenth Regiment.

MARCH 3d.

The resignation of T. W. Talbott, a Justice of the Peace, received and accepted.

David Counts, a Justice of the Peace for St. Clair county.

On the 10th of March, 1818, revoked the commission of Jas. Tanehill, Justice in St. Clair county.

MARCH 11th.

Jno. K. Mangham, commissioner for taking census in Washington county.

MARCH 12th.

The resignation of Robert Middleton, as Lieutenant in the 2nd Regiment, received and accepted.

Jno. Y. Sawyer, Surveyor, vice Enloe, resigned, Madison county.

MARCH 13th.

Appointed Conrad Will to take the census in Jackson county.

MARCH 14th.

The Governor absent from the seat of government.

The Secretary made the following appointments:

Guy W. Smith, Recorder of Edwards county, vice R. Baird, deceased.

Edw. N. Collom, Jos. Kitchell, David Porter, Shadrack B. A. Carter and David McGaha, Justices for Crawford county.

MARCH 18th.

The Governor returned to the seat of government and made the following appointments:

George W. Kinkaid and John F. Richardson, Majors; John Chenowith, John Barlow, Samuel Gaston, Joseph Kitchel, David Price, Captains in the 9th Regiment; Wheeler Mattit, Joseph Wood, Eli Adams, John R. Adams, Charles K. Arleher, Lieutenants in the 9th Regiment; Joel Leak, James Moore, William Ashbrook, Jesse K. Aleher and Henry Miller, Ensigns in the 9th Regiment; George W. Cattron, Adjutant, and John Gill, Judge Advocate, 9th Regiment.

James D. Thomas and Matthew Eades, Majors; Hezekiah Harris, James W. Bradsby, William Rutherford, Isaac Griffin and Robert Thomas, Captains; T. M. Nichols, Theo. Herald, Jos. Ogle and Wm. Tilford, Lieutenants; Henry Mace and William Jurney, Ensigns, in the 10th Regiment.

MARCH 26th.

Hiram Bell, County Surveyor for Edwards county, vice R. Baird, deceased.

Revoked 10th March, 1818, the commission of Jas. Tanehill, Justice in St Clair county.

MARCH 31st.

Appointed Arthur Morgan, Major, Jno. Roach, Captain, Solomon Storey and Wm. Wilson, Lieutenants, in 2nd Regiment.

Joshua Fisher, Captain, Jos. Fisher, Lieutenant, Jno. Parish, Ensign, 10th Regiment.

Henry S. Dodge, Aide-de-Camp to the Brigadier-General in the 1st Brigade.

APRIL 4th.

John Stuntz's resignation as Captain, received and accepted, 2nd Regiment.

John R. Shultz, Justice of the Peace for Franklin county.

APRIL 8th.

Thomas Coxe, Justice of the Peace for Union county.

APRIL 10th.

Governor absent from the territory.

APRIL 23rd.

The Secretary appointed Antoine Z. Chenett, Notary Public for Illinois territory.

Thomas M. Davis and John Bowles, Justices of the Peace, Franklin county.

Charles Humphreys, Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts and Recorder for the county of Jackson, resigned his commission.

Thomas Rutledge, Justice of the Peace for White county.

Benjamin Moseley, Justice for Gallatin county.

Wm. Hickman and James Cockrane, Justices for Franklin, removed out of county.

MAY 1st.

Tim Nash, clerk of the circuit and county court and recorder of Jackson county.

The resignation of Abner Fields, J. P., for Union county received and accepted.

MAY 5th.

The resignation of John G. Lofton, member L. C., received and accepted.

Appointed Stephen Handy, captain, Samuel Jenison, Lieutenant, Jacob Blaze, Ensign, Ninth Regiment; Robert S. Spencer, Justice of the Peace for White county; Thomas Cohen, Justice of the Peace for St. Clair county.

MAY 12th.

Francis Moore, Justice of the Peace for Pope county, vice D. S. Taylor, resigned.

MAY 18th.

Passport granted to R. Dixon to go to Michelimacanac by the route of the Illinois river.

John McCreary commissioned to take the census in Franklin county.

Samuel Sybole, Captain, John Conway, Lieutenant, Caleb Garterman, Ensign in the rifle company, Seventh Regiment; William Punine, Captain, Samuel Hewston, Captain, Philip Tuton, Lieutenant, in the Seventh Regiment; Miles Whitley, lieutenant, James Jones and Wm. Leavand (?), Ensigns in the Seventh Regiment.

Resignation of George Creath, captain in the First Regiment received and accepted.

David W. Maxwell, Sheriff of Franklin county, vice M. S. Davenport, resigned; Alex. Campbell, Justice of the Peace for Edwards county; John G. Damewood and William Ellis, Justices of the Peace for Gallatin county.

MAY 27th.

John Hay, Justice of the Peace for St. Clair county, resigned.

John Hay appointed clerk of the county court of St. Clair county, vice R. K. McLaughlin, resigned.

Daniel P. Cook, judge of the Western circuit, resigned and was accepted.

MAY 28th.

Thomas Dickinson, captain, Anthony Babeau, lieutenant, and Joseph Godere, ensign, in the First Regiment.

JUNE 1st.

Hugh Robinson, justice of the peace for Gallatin county; John K. Mangham, and John Carraghan, justices, for Washington county.

Passport granted to Fras. Turotte to go to Michilimacanac by way of the Illinois river.

JUNE 2nd.

Clayton Tiffin, justice of the peace for St. Clair county; Elijah C. Berry, captain, Edward Cowles, lieutenant, and Samuel C. Christy, ensign in a rifle company in the First Regiment; George Dickinson, captain, John James, Lieutenant, and Cahan Cooper, Ensign of a rifle company in the Second Regiment.

JUNE 3rd.

Benjamin Menes, Adjutant, vice D. Coleman, resigned; John C. Smith, Major; Allen McKenzie, Captain, vice J. C. Smith, promoted; Thomas Cox, captain, vice D. Coleman, resigned; John Graves captain, Jos. Kuykendall, Lieutenant, Wm. McGinnis, Lieutenant, Wm. Shelton, Lieutenant, George Wier and Jno. Ruft, Ensigns, in the Third Regiment.

JUNE 8th.

Appointed John Warnock, Judge of the Western circuit.

JUNE 14th.

Jno. Browning to take the census in Franklin county, vice John McCreary, refused to serve.

JUNE 20th.

Appointed Samuel Crawford a Justice of the Peace for Randolph county; Theodore V. H. Varick Brigade Inspector in the First Brigade, Illinois Militia.

JUNE 29th.

Abraham Prickett, Captain, Jno. T. Lusk, Lieutenant, Jeph. Lamkin, Ensign in Seventh Regiment.

Charles Bilderback, Lieutenant, Adam Woolrick, Ensign, in the First Regiment.

JULY 1st.

Saml. Walker, Ensign in the First Regiment.

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JULY 3d.

Ira Manville, sr., a Justice of the Peace for St. Clair county.

The commission of David Anderson, as a Justice for Randolph county, returned, not accepted.

JULY 4th.

Jacob Stout, Captain, Nathan Fike, Captain, Wm. Philips, Lieutenant, Henry Herring, Lieutenant, Wm. Stout, Ensign, Henry Neely, Ensign, in Second Regiment.

JULY 20th.

Robert Palmer, Lieutenant and Andrew Brown, Ensign, in the Fourth Regiment.

Rowland Allen, Justice of the Peace for Gallatin county.

AUGUST 1st.

The Governor returned to the Territory and resumed the duties of his office.

AUGUST 7th.

Appointed Thos. A. Wilson, James Watts, James Ray, Richard Eaton and John Cheek for Justices of the Peace for Crawford county.

Richard Elliott, Notary Public for Gallatin county, vice P. Redman, resigned.

James Richardson, Justice of the Peace for White county, vice D. Hay, resigned.

Wm. Gray, John A. Wakefield and Francis Brown, Justices for Bond county.

Joseph Duncan, Jno. H. Morgan, Thos. Johnson, Walter Creepwell, Justices of the Peace for Madison county.

Hugh Craig, Justice of the Peace for Union county.

John Copeland, Thos. C. Paterson and Aaron Bur Brown, Justices of the Peace for Johnson county.

Resignation of Jacob Short as Major in the Second Regiment received and accepted.

Resignation of James Field as Lieutenant in the Fourth Regiment, received and accepted.

Asa Ross Lieutenant, vice Seth Hargrave, resigned, Rifle Company, Fifth Regiment.

James A. Richardson, Ensign in Rifle Company Fifth Regiment.

Isaac Gillham, Lieutenant, Jas. H. Gillham, Jno. Harris, Ensigns Seventh Regiment.

Isaac Judy, Lieutenant, Robert Reynolds, Ensign in the Seventh Regiment.

AUGUST 9th.

Nicholas Edwards and Robert McGee, Justices for Washington county.

Joseph Dillard, Justice of the Peace for Pope county.

Erasmus Wheeler, Justice of the Peace for Gallatin county.

James W. Davidson, Captain, Jos. Cavenah, Lieutenant, Henry Brewer, Ensign in the Second Regiment.

AUGUST 19th.

Peter Philips, Justice of the Peace for Franklin county.

Daniel Elledge, Justice of the Peace for White county.

AUGUST 20th.

Antoine Z. Chenett, a Justice of the Peace for Randolph county, removed from office.

Maj. Jno. G. Damewood promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the Fourth Regiment, Illinois Territory.

Appointed Bennett Hancock, Coroner, Jno. Russell, Justice of the Peace for Johnson county.

John Arckney, Alexander Clark and Lewis Wells, Justices of the Peace for Jackson county.

Nisbett Allen, Fitz Edwards Hutchings, Justices for Union county.

J. R. Shultz, Justice of the Peace for Franklin county.

SEPTEMBER 2d.

Absolom Bradshaw, Major in the First Regiment.

SEPTEMBER 3d.

Lazarus Webb, Justice of the Peace for Franklin county.

SEPTEMBER 9th.

James D. Thomas, Lieutenant Colonel in the Tenth Regiment Illinois Militia, vice Andrew Bankson, resigned.

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FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY, NOVEMBER 25- DECEMBER 26, 1812

JOURNAL OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

At the General Assembly, begun and held in the town of Kaskaskia, on Wednesday, the 25th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

On which day (being the day appointed by the Governor of this Territory (Illinois), for the meeting of the General Assembly), the following members of the Legislative Council attended and took their seats:

To-wit: From the county of Gallatin, Benjamin Talbott; from the county of St. Clair, William Biggs; from the county of Madison, Samuel Judah; from the county of Randolph, Pierre Menard.

As the member from Johnson did not appear, the council adjourned until tomorrow morning, at ten of the clock.

THURSDAY, THE 26TH NOVEMBER, 1812.

The Council assembled according to adjournment and proceeded to the election of a President pro tem., and Mr. Biggs was truly elected and took the chair.

A message from the House of Representatives, [by] Mr. Greenup, their Clerk, informing [the Council] that they had appointed Mr. Wilson, of their House, on their part to procure stationery, etc., and then withdrew.

On motion, Resolved that Mr. Menard on the part of this House be appointed to join Mr. Wilson of the House of Representatives to procure stationery, etc.

Then the Council adjourned [until] three of the clock this afternoon.

The Council assembled, agreeable to adjournment.

On motion, Resolved that a committee be appointed jointly with a committee to be appointed by the House of Representatives to wait on the Governor, to inform him that the General Assembly is now assembled and ready to receive such communications as he may think proper to make, and that Mr. Talbott be of the committee on the part of the Council, and that this House do inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Council then adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten of the clock.

FRIDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 1812.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Thomas Ferguson, elected a member of the Legislative Council for Johnson county, produced his certificate of election, and took his seat.

Mr. Talbott presented the petition of Thomas Todd, praying to be heard by counsel, or otherwise, respecting a contested election with William Biggs, Esq., which was read.

A President pro tem. being necessary, Mr. Biggs declining, Mr. Menard was called to the chair.

On motion, Resolved, that the above petition be referred to a committee of the whole.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Greenup, their clerk, returning certain papers and documents respecting the contested election above mentioned.

On motion, Resolved, that Messrs. Todd and Biggs appear themselves, and not by counsel.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, resolved that the last resolution shall be reconsidered.

On motion, Resolved, that the laws relative to elections, passed by the Legislature of Indiana, on the 17th day of Sept., 1807, and an act passed the 16th day of Sept., 1807, by the same Legislature, and laws of Congress, and acts of the Governor and judges of this territory, and proclamations of the Governor of this territory, on the subject of elections be, and the same are hereby submitted to the Attorney General, and he is requested to report the same in writing to this House on Monday next

The business on which Mr. Biggs left the chair being gone through partially, he resumed the chair.

On motion, Resolved, that the Council go into an election of a Clerk to this House, and on casting up the votes, John Thomas was unanimously elected.

On motion, Resolved, that Messrs. Talbott and Ferguson be a committee to draw up rules and orders for the Legislative Council, and report the same tomorrow morning.

The Council then adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten of the clock.

SATURDAY THE 28TH NOVEMBER, 1812.

The Council met according to adjournment.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Greenup, their clerk, accompanied by a resolution respecting a doorkeeper and his duty, requesting the concurrence of this House.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Greenup, their clerk, informing that they were organized and ready to proceed to business.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Greenup, their clerk, informing the Council that they had appointed a committee, jointly with a committee to be appointed by this House, to wait on the Executive, informing him that the Legislature are ready to receive such communications as he may think proper to make.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Greenup, their clerk, informing this House that they had concurred in the amendment made to their resolution respecting the appointment and duties of the doorkeeper, and that they were ready to go into the election thereof. And on the election being made Thomas Swearingan was duly elected.

The committee who waited on his Excellency returned, and Mr. Talbott, the member from this House, reported that himself, with Mr. Trammell, from the House of Representatives, had waited on his Excellency, the Governor, and had for answer, that he would attend the Legislature in half an hour. Which he did, and delivered an address to both Houses, and read several letters addressed to Departments of the General Government, and other public functionaries, delivered in the room of the House of Representatives.

The Council then adjourned until [to] Monday morning next at ten of the clock.

MONDAY MORNING 30TH NOVEMBER, 1812.

Council met according to adjournment.

A motion made and seconded, that the Attorney-General deliver to this House any communications he may have ready for them, and that the doorkeeper inform him thereof.

The Attorney-General appeared and read his communication to this House, and delivered in the same, which was laid on the Clerk's table.

A motion was made and seconded that the following resolution be entered into that the communication of the Attorney General be referred to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

A motion was made and seconded that the following resolution be entered into, to-wit: Resolved that the committee of the whole, charged with the investigation of the election of Mr. Biggs. and to whom was referred the written opinion of the Attorney-General, are hereby empowered to send for all persons and papers that they may require, particularly the laws and resolutions passed by the Governor and Judges of this Territory and the proclamations by which the late elections were made, and on some debate thereon the resolution was carried in the negative.

On which, a motion was made by Mr. Menard to reconsider the resolution, on which the resolution was carried in the affirmative.

On balloting for a Chairman of the committee of the whole, Mr. Menard was duly elected to that place.

On motion of Mr. Menard, resolved that the above resolution pass as amended by striking out the whole thereof from the word "committee."

The Council then adjourned until ten of the clock tomorrow morning.

TUESDAY FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1812.

The Council met according to adjournment.

On motion, Resolved that the Council go into a committee of the whole on the contested election, between Thomas Todd and William Biggs, Mr. Menard in the chair.

On motion, Resolved that the committee go into the room of the House of Representatives, which was done accordingly.

On motion, Resolved that the written opinion of Mr. Ferguson be considered and adopted.

Adjourned until ten of the clock tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY 2D DECEMBER, 1812.

Council met according to adjournment.

On motion, Resolved that the committee rise and report.

The President resumed the chair, and the committee reported that William Biggs is justly entitled to his seat in the Legislative Council of this Territory in the General Assembly now sitting. Which report the Council agreed to and ordered that their decision be spread on the Journals of this House.

The committee to whom was referred the draughting rules for this House reported the rules at full length, which being read were adopted by the House.

On motion, Resolved, that the Council go into the election of a President and on casting up the votes, Mr. Menard was duly elected and took the chair accordingly.

The House then adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 of the clock.

THURSDAY, THE 3RD DECEMBER, 1812.

The Council met according to adjournment.

On motion, Resolved, that Messrs. Biggs and Juday be a committee to bring in a resolution in favor [of] Major John Mordock's having four companies of Mounted Rangers on our frontiers for the term of one year.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Greenup, their clerk, accompanied by joint rules for both Houses for the concurrence of this House.

On motion, Resolved, that this House do concur with the House of Representatives in the joint rules for the Government of both Houses.

On motion, Resolved, that the Clerk of this House do inform the House of Representatives that this House do concur with them in their resolution for the Government of both Houses.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Greenup, their clerk, accompanying a resolution in favor of Captain William O. Allens, having the command of a garrison at Peoria, with their approbation thereof, requesting the concurrence of this House to the same.

On motion, Resolved, that the petition and resolution respecting Captain Allen be read a second time, which was done, and the resolution of the House of Representatives concurred in.

The committee to whom was referred the petition respecting Major Mordock's having the command of four Companies of Rangers, etc., reported the following resolution,

On which the Council went into a Committee of the whole on the state of the Territory, Mr. Biggs in the chair. The resolution and petition above mentioned being discussed, the committee rose and the President resumed the chair, and the committte reported that the House concur with the House of Representatives on the petition and resolution aforesaid. The Council agreed to the report of the committee without amendment.

Ordered that the Clerk do carry the same to the House of Representatives, which was done.

On motion, Resolved, that a committee of one member from this House be appointed as a joint committee, with one from the House of Representatives, to examine and compare the enrolled bills with the engrossed bills. Mr. Biggs was therefore appointed, and that the House of Representatives be informed thereof, which was done accordingly.

The Council then adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 of the clock.

FRIDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1812.

The Council met according to adjournment.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Greenup, their Clerk, returning the petition in favor of Major Mordock's having four Companies of Rangers on our frontier in which they have concurred, and then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, Resolved, that a committee of two be appointed to enquire into the laws and system of general and circuit courts, and they to report by bill or otherwise, and that Messrs. Talbott and Ferguson be that committee.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved, that a committee be appointed with direction to draught an address to the President of the United States on the subject of our relations with our savage neighbors and report the same to this House on Monday next," and that Messrs. Talbott and Juday be that committee.

On motion of Mr. Briggs, "Resolved, that a committee of two members be appointed to enquire into the laws and system of the court of chancery, and report thereon by bill or otherwise," and that Messrs. Biggs and Ferguson be that committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Greenup, their clerk, whereby they have sent into this House for its concurrence, "An act declaring what laws are in force in this Territory," and then he withdrew. Which was read a first time. On motion, resolved that the above named act be read a second time, now, which was done accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, Resolved that the above mentioned act be committed to a Committee of the Whole, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

The Council then adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten of the clock.

SATURDAY, THE 5TH DECEMBER, 1812.

The Council met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Biggs ordered that the Clerk of this House carry to the House of Representatives the petition respecting Major Mordock's Rangers requesting the signature of their Speaker thereto.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Greenup, their Clerk, informing the Council that they have appointed Mr. Wilson, on their part, as a joint committee with the committee from this House on enrolled Bills, and then he withdrew.

The joint committee of both Houses delivered the petition respecting Major Mordocks having four companies on our frontiers, was delivered in due form to his Excellency, the Governor.

The memorial [of] respecting Capt. Allens having the command of a garrison at Peoria was signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Legislative Council, and ordered to be presented to his Excellency, the Governor by the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Biggs from the joint committee informed the Council that they had presented to his Excellency, the Governor, the petition respecting Major Mordock's having four Companies of Rangers, and the memorial respecting Capt. Allens having the command of a garrison at Peoria.

The Council then adjourned until ten of the clock on Monday morning next.

MONDAY, THE 7TH DECEMBER, 1812.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Mr. Menard, the President being sick and unable to attend.

The Council appointed Mr. Biggs President *pro tem.*

Mr. Talbott from the committee on an address to the President of the United States, "On our relation with our savage neighbors" reported a draught thereof, which was read by the chairman of the committee and given in at the clerk's table where it was read again by the clerk a second time.

On motion of Mr. Talbott resolved that the address to the President of the United States respecting our relation with our savage neighbors be read now a third time, which was done accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, ordered that the aforesaid address to the President of the United States do pass.

On motion of Mr. Talbott resolved that this House go into a Committee of the Whole on the "act declaring what laws are in force in this Territory." Mr. Ferguson in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Talbott the committee arose and the President resumed the chair. The committee reported progress and ask leave to sit again.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Greenup, their Clerk, whereby they have sent into this House a "Bill to repeal parts of certain acts and for other purposes," passed in that House, and requiring the concurrence of this House thereto, and then he withdrew.

On the above bill being read a first time. On motion resolved that it be read a second time tomorrow.

Then the Council adjourned until ten of the clock tomorrow morning.

TUESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1812.

The Council met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, ordered that the Clerk carry the address to the President of the United States to the House of Representatives for their concurrence, which he did.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, Resolved, that the House go into a committee of the whole, on the Bill "Declaring what laws are in force." Mr. Talbott in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, Resolved, that the first section be amended by striking out the words, "and which can be applicable to this Territory," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "That are of a general nature and not local to Indiana Territory," in the sixth and seventh lines from the top of the said section. The committee rose, and the President resumed the chair. Then the committee reported that they had gone through the aforesaid bill, with the amendment, which was agreed to by the House, and the Clerk was ordered to carry the said bill to the House of Representatives, informing them that this House have concurred in the Bill "Declaring what laws are in force," &c., as amended, requesting their concurrence to the amendment, which he did.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Greenup, their Clerk, returning to this House the address to the President of the United States in which they have concurred, with a resolution that it be signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the legislative Council, and that the said address be sent to the Governor, of this Territory, with a request that he transmit the same to the President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, Resolved, that this House do concur with the resolution of the House of Representatives on the address to the President of the United States, ordered that the Clerk carry the same to the House of Representatives, which he did.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Greenup, their Clerk, informing this House that they have concurred in the amendment to the Bill "Declaring what laws are in force," etc.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Greenup, their Clerk, whereby they have sent into this House a resolution in the following words: "Resolved, that the Legislative Council and House of Representatives do on this day jointly elect an Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk to both Houses during the balance of the present session," requesting the concurrence of this House thereto.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, "Resolved, that this House do concur in the resolution, of the House of Representatives, respecting the election of an Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk to both Houses, during the balance of the present session."

On motion ordered that the Clerk do inform the House of Representatives that this House do concur with them in their resolution respecting an Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk.

The House then adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten of the clock.

WEDNESDAY THE 9TH DECEMBER, 1812.

Council met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, "Resolved, that we now proceed to the election of an Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk for both Houses during the ballance of the present session, and that this resolution be sent to the House of Representatives for their concurrence, and that the Clerk do carry the same," which he did.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Greenup, their Clerk, informing this House that they have concurred in the resolution of electing an Engrossing Clerk and that they are now ready.

The Council returned into their Chamber after having, jointly with the House of Representatives, elected Mr. Humphreys their Engrossing Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, "Resolved that this House go into a committee of the whole, this day, on the Bill for repealing certain laws, and for other purposes." Mr. Juday in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, Resolved, that the Bill be amended by striking out the following words: "Action on the case for trover and conversion, actions of trespass *vi et armis*" in the seventh, eighth, and a part of the ninth lines.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, Resolved, that the committee rise and report the Bill, as amended. On which the President resumed the chair, and the committee reported the amendments.

On motion, "Shall this Bill as amended, pass?" Carried in the affirmative and ordered that the Clerk carry the same to the House of Representatives for their concurrence in the amendment, which he did.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, Resolved [that] the bill for regulating the admission of attorneys be read by the Clerk, which was done the first time.

A bill vesting the judges of the general court with chancery powers in this Territory, was read a first time.

On motion, Resolved that this bill be read a second time tomorrow.

The Council then adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten of the clock.

THURSDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 1812.

Council met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, Resolved that the Council proceed to the second reading of the bill "vesting judges of the general court with chancery powers" agreeable to the resolution of yesterday, which was done accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, ordered that the above bill be committed to a committee of the Whole, and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, Resolved that this House do go into a committee of the whole on the bill to amend an act entitled "An act regulating the admission of attorneys and counsellers at law."

On motion of Mr. Biggs, Resolved that the committee rise and report the bill without amendments. The President resumed the chair, and the committee reported accordingly.

On motion, Resolved that this House concur in the report of the committee, and that it pass, and that the Clerk do inform the House of Representatives thereof, which he did.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Greenup, their clerk, whereby that House have sent into this, the bill "to repeal certain acts" etc., and that they have concurred in the amendment of this House, and then withdrew.

The Council then adjourned until ten of the clock tomorrow morning.

FRIDAY THE 11TH DECEMBER, 1812.

The Council met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, Resolved that this House go into a committee of the whole, on the bill "vesting the judges of the general court with chancery powers." Mr. Judah in the chair. Ordered that the bill be read, which was done.

The committee rose, and the President resumed the chair.

The committee reported the bill as amended.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, Resolved that this House agree to the report of the committee of the whole.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, Resolved that this bill do pass as amended.

And then adjourned until ten of the clock tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER, 1812.

The Council met according to adjournment.

On motion, ordered that the Clerk do carry the bill "vesting the judges of the general court with chancery powers" to the House of Representatives, and ask their concurrence thereto.

The joint committee (for that purpose), reported that they have compared the enrolled with the engrossed bill, "to repeal parts of certain acts and for other purposes," and find it truly enrolled.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Greenup, their clerk, whereby they have sent into this House a bill "for the relief of the Sheriff of Randolph [county]," for the concurrence of this House.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, ordered that the bill "for the relief of the Sheriff of Randolph county," be read the first time, which was done.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, Resolved that this bill be read a second time, now, which was done.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, ordered that this bill be committed to a committee of the whole and be the order of the day for Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Greenup, their clerk, whereby they have sent into this House a bill supplemental to an act entitled "An act regulating the practice of the general courts and courts of common pleas and for other purposes," for the concurrence of this House, and then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, ordered that this bill be read a first time, which was done.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, ordered that this bill be read a second time now, which was done.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, ordered that this bill be committed to a committee of the whole and be made the order of the day of Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Greenup, their Clerk, whereby they have sent into this House a bill "regulating the Court of Common Pleas and fixing the times of holding terms in the several counties," requesting the concurrence of this House thereto, and then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, ordered that this bill be read a first time, which was done.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, ordered that the above mentioned bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Council then adjourned until ten of the clock on Monday morning next.

MONDAY, THE 14TH DECEMBER, 1812.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Mr. Menard (the President), attended and took his seat.

A message from the Governor informing this House that he had sent on the address to the President of the United States which originated in this House.

The joint committee of Enrolled Bills reported they have presented to his Excellency, the Governor, "the act declaring what laws are in force."

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Greenup, their Clerk, wherein the Governor informs both Houses that agreeable [to the] to their joint request that he had transmitted their address to the President of the United States, one to the Honorable Shadrach Bond, our delegate in Congress, and the other to the President of the United States, that he has approved and signed "The act declaring what laws are in force in this Territory."

On motion of Mr. Biggs, Resolved, that this House go into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of the sheriff of Randolph county. Mr, Biggs in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Menard, Resolved, that this bill be amended by embracing the sheriff and county of St. Clair, and taking in the county of St. Clair.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, for an amendment, carried in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved, that the House agree to the bill as amended, and that the Clerk carry the same to the House of Representatives and ask their concurrence to the amendment," which he did.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Greenup, their Clerk, whereby they have sent into this House a bill for "Levying and collecting a tax on land," for the concurrence of this House.

On motion of Mr. Judah, "Resolved that the Clerk read this bill a first time," which was done.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Greenup, their Clerk, wherein that House inform this House that they have concurred in the amendment of this House.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved, that this bill be read a second time on tomorrow."

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that this House concur in the amendment [of the] House of Representatives, on the bill for the relief of the sheriff of Randolph and St. Clair counties."

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that this House go into a committee of the whole on the bill supplemental to 'an act regulating the practice of the General Court and Courts of Common Pleas.'" Mr. Biggs in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Menard, "Resolved that the bill be amended by adding a second clause thereto and putting the added clause between the first and second sections."

On motion of Mr. Menard, "Resolved that the committee rise and report the bill as amended."

A message from the House of Representatives wherein they have sent into this House a bill for the relief of Benjamin Stevenson and for other purposes and also a bill to amend the several laws concerning the militia, and for the relief of Dunkards, Quakers, and other religious persons, etc.

The House having gone through and concurred in an additional clause to be a second section, and that the Clerk do inform the House of Representatives that this House do concur in the Bill as amended and request their concurrence to the amendment, which was done.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that this House read the Bill regulating the Court of Common Pleas and fixing the times of holding the Courts in the several counties, a second time," which was done.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, "Resolved that this Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole, and made the order of the day for tomorrow."

A Bill for the relief of Benjamin Stevenson, &c., was read a first time, and then on motion of Mr. Ferguson, "Resolved that this Bill be read a second time now," which was done.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that this Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow."

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that the Bill to amend the several laws respecting the Militia, for the relief of religious people, &c., be read a first time," which was done.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, ordered that this Bill be read a second time tomorrow, [which was done.]

Council then adjourned until ten of the clock tomorrow morning.

TUESDAY, THE 15TH DECEMBER, 1812.

The Council met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that this House go into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill regulating the Court of Common Pleas and fixing the times of holding terms, &c." Mr. Ferguson in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Menard, "Resolved that the Committee rise and report progress." The President resumed the chair.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that the House concur in the amendment made in the Committee of the Whole," carried in the negative.

A message from the House of Representatives by [Mr. Greenup] their Clerk, whereby they sent into this House a Bill "concerning the General Court," and the Bill "Giving the Judges of the General Court, Chancery powers," requesting the concurrence of this House to the former and to the amendments in the other.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Ordered that the Bill for regulating the Courts of Common Pleas be read," which was done, also read a second time now.

On motion, "Resolved that this Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole today." Mr. Biggs in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that the committee rise and report the Bill without amendment." On which the President resumed the chair.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that the House agree to the report [of] the committee, and that the Bill do pass, and that the Clerk carry the same to the House of Representatives requesting their concurrence thereto," which was done.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that this House go into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill for the relief of Benjamin Stevenson, and for other purposes." Mr. Ferguson in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Menard, "Resolved that the Bill be amended by inserting the word "to" in the last line in the preamble, and the words "Territorial Treasury" in lieu of "Territory" in the 8th line of the first section, and the words, "forty-two dollars" instead of "$42" in figures, in the ninth line of said section.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that the whole of the second section to the word 'This,' be struck out."

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that this committee rise and report the Bill as amended." The President resumed the chair.

On motion, "Resolved that the Bill pass as amended, and that the Clerk inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask them to concur in the amendments."

A message from the House of Representatives by their Clerk, accompanied by a bill supplemental to an act entitled, "An act regulating the practice of the General Court and Courts of Common Pleas, and for other purposes," with the amendments, in which they have concurred.

A Bill "vesting the Judges of the General Court with chancery powers."

And also the Bill "concerning the General Court," read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, the Bill "to amend the laws concerning the militia, and for the relief of several religious denominations, etc.", be read a second time, which was done.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, ordered that this Bill be committed to a committee of the whole and be made the order of the day for tomorrow.

A message from the House of Representatives by [Mr. Greenup], their Clerk, whereby they have sent into this House the Bill for the relief of Benj. Stevenson, informing [this House] that they will not concur in the amendment of this House.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved, that the Bill for levying a tax on land be read a second time now," which was done.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, ordered that this Bill be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, Resolved that this House insist on the amendment they have made to the Bill for the relief of Benj. Stevenson, etc., and that the Clerk inform the House of Representatives thereof, which he did.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Greenup, their Clerk, informing this House that they still refuse to concur in the amendment of this House on the Bill for the relief of Benj. Stevenson.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that this House appoint one member as a Committee of Conference with the House of Representatives on the above bill, and that Mr. Ferguson be of that committee, and that the Clerk do inform the House of Representatives thereof."

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, Resolved, that this House concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives in the Bill "vesting the Judges of the General Court with chancery powers."

A message from the House of Representatives, by their Clerk, informing this House that they wished to reconsider the act (enrolled) to repeal certain acts, etc., on tomorrow.

Then adjourned until tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, THE 16TH DECEMBER, 1812.

The Council met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved, that this House go into a committee of the whole on the Bill "concerning the militia and the relief of certain denominations of religious people." Mr. Ferguson in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Menard, "Resolved that the committee rise and report," on which the President resumed the chair, and the committee reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that the House do not concur in this Bill, and that the Clerk do inform the House of Representatives thereof."

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that this House go into a committee of the whole on the Bill for levying and collecting a tax on land." Mr. Ferguson in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that the second section of said Bill be amended by striking out the words, 'or confirmation,' and insert the words 'and confirmed,' in lieu thereof, in the third line of said section."

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved, that the tenth section be struck out, and the vote be taken by yeas and nays."

Yeas—Messrs. Biggs and Judy (2).

Nays—Messrs. Ferguson, Menard and Talbott (3), therefore the motion lost.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that the committee rise and report progress, and ask leave to sit again." The President resumed the chair.

A message from the House of Representatives, by their Clerk, informing [the Council] that, that House have passed a bill "regulating elections;" also a Bill "concerning proceeding in civil cases," also a Bill "concerning frauds," to which they request the Council's concurrence. They have also concurred in the Bill from the Council regulating the Courts of Common Pleas," and they have agreed to the amendment of the Council, to the amendment of the House of Representatives, to the Bill "concerning the Court of Chancery."

Then adjourned until tomorrow morning.

The Council met according to adjournment, on

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A bill passed in the House of Representatives "concerning frauds" was this day read.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, Resolved that this bill be read a second time tomorrow.

A bill "concerning proceedings in civil cases was read.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, "Resolved that this bill be read a second time now." Which was done, and on motion of Mr. Ferguson, ordered that this bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

A bill passed in the House of Representatives "regulating elections" was read.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, ordered that this bill be read a second time now, which was done.

On motion of Mr. Judy, ordered that this bill be committed to a committee of the whole, and be made the order of the day for tomorrow.

Mr. Talbott presented the petition of William Rabb.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that this petition be referred to a select committee of two, and that Messrs. Judy and Talbott be that committee, and that they report on the same tomorrow."

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that this House go into a committee of the whole on the bill for 'levying and collecting a tax on land.'" Mr. Ferguson in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that the committee rise and report." On which motion the President resumed the chair.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that this House do concur in the bill as amended."

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that the bill be read a third time on its passage."

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "[Resolved] that the sixth section be struck out," carried in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "[Resolved] that the ninth section of this bill be amended by adding the following clause to the same, 'And provided also, that if the owner of any tract or tracts of land shall be in arrears he or any person for him shall on the day on which the said land shall be advertised for

sale, as above mentioned, tender and deliver to the sheriff to be sold, on that day by him at the place of sale as above mentioned, goods and chattels sufficient to make the said tax and costs so in arrear, then the sheriff shall not sell the said lands or any part thereof, but shall make and levy the said tax on the goods and chattels, rendering the overplus, if any, to the owner of such land or such person for him,' " carried in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that this House concur in the second amendment to the above bill.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that this bill be concurred in as amended, and ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives to the amendments of this House thereto."

A message from the House of Representatives, by their clerk, informing [the Council] that they passed "an act to amend an act entitled, 'an act concerning grist mills and millers,' " and they also send into this House an enrolled act, supplemental to an act entitled, "an act regulating the practice in the general court and courts of common pleas, etc.," which their Speaker has signed, and request the concurrence of the Council to the first mentioned act.

Then adjourned until tomorrow morning.

FRIDAY THE 18TH DECEMBER, 1812.

The Clerk carried the bill for levying and collecting a tax on land, as amended, to the House of Representatives requesting them to concur in the amendments.

Ordered that the bill from the House of Representatives, towit: "An act to amend an act entitled, 'an act to regulate grist mills and millers, etc.," be read a second time now.

On motion of Mr. Judy, ordered that this bill be committed to a committee of the whole, and be made the order of the day for tomorrow.

A message from the Honse of Representatives, by their clerk, informing this House that they have concurred in the amendment of this House to the bill "for levying and collecting a tax on land."

Mr. Biggs, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, informed this House that they had presented to the Governor the Enrolled Bills, viz.: "An act supplemental to an act entitled, 'An act regulating the courts of common pleas and for other purposes' ", and also "An act for the relief of the sheriff of Randolph and St. Clair counties."

A message from the House of Representatives, by their Clerk, whereby they have sent into this House, a memorial and two resolutions to be sent to our Delegate in Congress, requesting their [our] concurrence thereto, which was read a first time,

On motion, Resolved, that that this memorial and resolutions be read a second time, which was done.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, Resolved, that this memorial, etc., be committed to a Committee of the whole on the state of the Territory and be the order of the day for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved, that this House now go into a committee of the whole on the Bill 'concerning the general court' ", Mr. Judy in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, Resolved, that the following be the fifth clause of this Bill, to-wit: "Be it further enacted that hereafter there shall be no appeal or writ of error on any proceedings in future, of either to the general court from any court in this Territory upon any matter of fact, but in future said general court shall take cognizance of errors of law only, by writ of error, or appeal, neither of which shall issue in any case whatever 'till after final judgment which said court may give upon an appeal from the judgment of a justice of the peace, but all appeals from the judgment of such justice shall be final in said court of common pleas."

On motion of Mr. Menard, "Resolved that the committee rise and report progress, and ask leave to sit again," on which the President resumed the chair.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, the bill "concerning frauds" was read a second time, and by motion, "Resolved, that this bill be committed to a committee of the whole and be the order of the day for tomorrow."

A message from the House of Representatives, by their Clerk, whereby they inform this House that the Governor has approved and signed, "An act for the relief of the sheriffs of Randolph and St. Clair counties." And also that the committee of conference appointed by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives, on the amendment by the Legislative Council to the bill entitled, "An act for the relief of Benjamin Stevenson and for other purposes," report, "that it is deemed expedient by said committee that the amendment proposed by the Legislative Council to the said bill should be concurred in by the House of Representatives, by an amendment by striking out the words, "and for other purposes," in the title of the bill." The Council agreed to the amendment of the committee of conference, and that the Clerk do inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that the Council go into a committee of the whole on the bill concerning civil cases," Mr. Talbott in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Menard the bill was concurred in. The president resumed the chair, and the house concurred and agreed to the report of the committee on the said bill and that the Clerk do inform the House of Representatives thereof, which he did.

Mr. Talbott, from the committee on the petition of William Rabb, repo [ed] that in their opinion the prayer of said petition ought to be granted.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, ordered that the further consideration of this petition and report be referred until tomorrow, and be the order of the day.

Mr. Biggs, from the Committee of Enrolled Blls, reported that they had examined the enrolled bills, "vesting the judges of the general court with chancery powers," and the act "regulating the courts of common pleas and fixing the times of holding terms" etc., and find them truly enrolled, and they were signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Legislative Council.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved, that the House go into a committee of the whole on the bill regulating elections."

On motion of Mr. Biggs,, "Resolved, that the committee rise and report the bill without amendment," on which the President resumed the chair.

In a message from the House of Representatives they have sent into this house the "act concerning civil cases" signed by their Speaker, and was signed by the President.

Council then adjourned until tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY THE 19TH, DECEMBER, 1812.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Mr. Biggs, from the Committee of Enrolled Bills, informed this House that the committee have presented to his Excellency the Governor, the following acts, to-wit: "An act regulating the courts of common pleas, and fixing the times of holding terms in the several counties," and also "an act vesting the judges of the general court with chancery powers," and also, "an act concerning proceedings in civil cases," requesting his approbation thereto.

On motion Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that this House go into a committee of the whole, on the bill concerning the general court," Mr. Judy in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that the word 'three' in the third line of the second section be struck out and insert the word 'two' in lieu thereof."

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that the words, 'the fourth Mondays of April, August and December,' in the fourth and fifth lines in the second section be struck out and the words, 'on the first Mondays in May and August and inserted November,' and that the word 'original' be added between the words 'take' and 'jurisdiction' in the third line of the third section."

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that the following be the seventh section of this act, to-wit: 'Be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that so much of the law of the Indiana Territory establishing circuit courts, be and the same is hereby repealed."

On motion, Resolved that the committee rise and report the bill as amended. On which the President resumed the chair, and the committee reported the bill as amended.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that this House do concur in the bill 'concerning the general court,' with the amendments, and that the Clerk of this House do inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence to the amendments of this House."

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Maxwell, informing this House that he has approved and signed an act entitled, 'An act vesting the Judges of the general court with chancery powers,' and also an act entitled, 'An act regulating the courts of common pleas and fixing the times of holding terms in the several counties, etc.' "

A message from the House of Representatives, by their Clerk, informing this House that the Governor has approved and signed an act entitled, "An act concerning proceedings in civil cases."

Ordered that the bill regulating elections be postponed.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that the bill fixing the places of holding courts in the several counties be read," which was done.

Ordered that this bill be read a second time now, which was done.

On motion of Mr. Biggs ordered that this bill be committeed to a committee of the whole and be made the order of the day for Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by their Clerk, informing this House that they have concurred in the amendments of this House in the bill concerning the general courts, and then withdrew.

The Council then adjourned until Monday morning, next.

MONDAY THE 21ST, DECEMBER, 1812.

The Council met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Judy, "Resolved [that] this House go into a committee of the whole on the petition of William Rabb and the report of the select committee thereon." Mr. Biggs in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Menard, "Resolved that this petition, etc., be postponed until there be a full house," on which the President resumed the chair.

On motion, "Resolved that this House go into the consideration of the Bill regulating Elections."

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that the fourth section of this Bill be struck out."

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Maxwell, whereby he sends into this House a Bill entitled, "An act supplemental to an act entitled an act regulating the practice of the General Court and of the Courts of Common Pleas," with his objections to the same, which originated in the House of Representatives.

A message from the House of Representatives by their Clerk accompanied by a letter from Governor Shelby, of Kentucky, to Governor Edwards of this Territory, which was read.

A message from the House of Representatives by their Clerk accompanied by a Resolution of both Houses respecting the printing the laws and appointment of a joint Committee for that purpose.

A message from the House of Representatives, by their Clerk, accompanied by the petition of Peggy Wright, and their resolution on the same asking the concurrence of this House thereto. Also a resolution requesting a copy of the petition of this Legislature to the President of the United States, on our relations with our savage neighbors, be transmitted to our Delegate in Congress, with a request to him to use his best exertions to promote the objects of said petition with Congress and with the President, &c.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Maxwell, accompanied by the following communication:

"Last night I received a letter from the Secretary of War in which he states that Lieutenant Whitlock, the district paymaster, has funds and instructions to pay the Rangers and Militia, this letter is in answer to one I had written on the subject and I now communicate it to you for the information of you and your constituents."

On motion of Mr. Biggs, resolved that the Bill "Regulating Elections" be amended by adding a fourth section thereto, in the following words: "When any writ for an occasional election shall be issued by the Governor in case of the death or removal from office, of any Representative or member of the Legislative Council or Delegate to Congress, the same shall be directed to the sheriff of such county, respectively, for which such Representative or member of the Legislative Council or Delegate to Congress who is dead or removed from office, shall have been elected, and the sheriff receiving the writ shall forthwith give due and public notice, throughout the County, ten days before holding such elections, and the same shall be holden within twenty days after the writ of election is received by the sheriff and conducted in like manner as aforesaid."

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that the Bill" regulating elections "be amended by placing the third section to be the second, and the amendment to the said Bill the third section, and the now second section to be the fourth and last section, and that the Clerk inform the House of Representatives that this House have concurred in this Bill as amended, asking their concurrence to the amendments."

A message from the House of Representatives, by their Clerk, accompanied by the "act supplemental to an act entitled 'an act regulating the practice of the General Court and the Courts of Common Pleas &c.'" On which said act they have resolved to strike out the second section thereof and ask the concurrence of this House.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that this House do not concur in the resolution of the House of Representatives in striking out the second section of said act."

On motion of Mr. Biggs "Resolved that this House go into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill regulating grist mills and millers, &c." Mr. Biggs in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Menard, "Resolved that the Committee rise and report the Bill without amendment," the President resumed the chair, and the committee reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Biggs," "resolved that this House do concur with the House of Representatives in the same."

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that this House go into a Committee of the Whole on the petition of William Rabb, and the report of the select Committee thereon." Mr. Biggs in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Menard, "Resolved that the petition, and resolution thereon, be postponed," and the council concurred in the report of the committee.

The council adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine of the clock.

TUESDAY THE 22D DECMBER, 1812.

The council met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that this House do concur with the House of Representatives in the memorial to our Delegate in Congress and that the clerk inform them thereof."

This House do concur with the House of Representatives, inserting the word "certiorari" in the act "concerning general court."

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that this House go into a committee of the whole on the bill concerning frauds." Mr. Ferguson in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that the committee rise and report the bill without the amendment." The president resumed the chair.

Mr. Biggs moved that this House do not concur in the bill, carried in the negative.

Mr. Biggs, from the Committee of Enrolled Bills reported that they had examined the following bills, viz: "An act for the relief of Benjamin Stevenson," also "An act concerning the general court and courts of common pleas," and also "An act for levying and collecting a tax on land," and find them truly enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, on the bill concerning frauds, "Resolved that the fifth section of said bill be struck out."

A message from the House of Representatives by their clerk, wherein they inform this House that they have concurred in the amendment in the seventh section of the bill, "for levying and collecting a tax on land" by striking out the words, "suffer the pains and penalties of perjury and."

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that the third section of the bill "concerning frauds" be struck out, carried in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that the words to the best of their knowledge, be added in the eleventh line of the third section of said act."

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that this House concur in the amendments in the bill, and that the clerk inform the House of Representatives, informing them that this House have concurred in this bill, as amended, and ask their concurrence in the amendments."

Ordered that the petition of Peggy Wright be read, which was done, and on motion, "Resolved that this House concur in the resolution of the House of Representatives on the petition of Peggy Wright and that the clerk inform that House thereof."

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that this House concur with the House of Representatives in their resolution respecting the printing [of] the laws and that the clerk do inform them thereof."

A message from the House of Representatives by their clerk, informing this House that they have concurred in the amendment to in the act "concerning the general court."

On motion, "Resolved that Mr. Biggs be a committee on the part of this House for printing the laws."

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, "Resolved that this House now go into a committee of the whole on the bill for fixing the places of holding the courts in the several counties," Mr. Talbott in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, "Resolved that the following be an amendment to the third section of this bill at the twenty-eighth line, "Except Johnson, which said commissioners shall be bound to find the center of said county, as near as possible, and not extend more than three miles from the center for situation," and between the words "place" and "which."

A message from the House of Representatives by their clerk, informing this House that they have concurred in the amendment of this House on the bill "regulating elections."

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that the third section of the bill "fixing the places of holding courts in the several counties," be amended by inserting the words, "and for the County of St. Clair as near the center as may be convenient to the population of the inhabitants thereof," and to follow the amendment of Mr. Ferguson."

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, "Resolved, that the Committee rise and report the bill as amended." On which the president resumed the chair.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved, that this House concur in the amendments made in the Committee of the Whole, and that this House, concur, with the House of Representatives, in said bill and that the clerk inform them thereof, and ask their concurrence in the amendments."

A bill "supplemental to an act entitled 'An act regulating the practice in the General Court and Courts of Common Pleas, ect.' " was read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. Judy, "Resolved, that this bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole, and be the order of the day for tomorrow."

The Council then adjourned untill nine of the clock tomorrow morniug.

WEDNESDAY, THE 23d DECEMBER, 1812.

Council met according to adjournment.

A message from the House of Representatives, by their Clerk. informing this House that they have concurred in the bill "concerning frauds."

That they have passed a law to amend "An act entitled "An act to establish and regulate ferries,' " requesting the concurrence of this House thereto.

And that they have concurred in the bill "To fix the places of holding courts in the several counties," as amended in this house, and ask the concurrence of this House to an amendment made by that House, and also that they have passed a law "concerning jurors" to which they ask the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Biggs, from the joint Committee on Printing the Laws, say the Governor informed them that it will give him pleasure to serve the Council and the Territory in any manner in his power, that he will if possible execute their wishes in relation to the subject of the resolution of the Legislature, if possible, provided nothing more eligible occurs to your body.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, "Resolved, that this House do not concur in the amendment made by the House of Representatives in the bill 'For fixing the places for holding courts in the several counties, etc.,' and that [the] Clerk inform them thereof."

A bill "concerning jurors" was read a first and second time.

On motion, "Resolved, that this bill be read a third time now," which was done, concurred in by the House. Ordered, that the Clerk inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Ordered, that the bill "concerning ferries" be read the first time, which was done; ordered to be read a second time now, which was also done.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved, that this bill be amended by inserting the following clause thereto, to be placed between the word 'ferry' and the word 'and' in the fourth line from the bottom of the last clause of said bill, and is as follows: 'Provided, nevertheless, that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent the heirs of James Piggot from re-establishing the ancient ferry opposite the town of St. Louis, on the Mississippi.' "

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved, that this House concur in this bill, as amended, on the third reading and that the Clerk inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence to the amendment [at] the bottom of the last clause of said act, and is as follows: 'Provided, neverthe-

less, that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent the heirs of James Piggot from re-establishing the ancient ferry opposite the town of St. Louis, on the Mississippi, etc.' "

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved, that this House concur in this bill as amended, on the third reading, and that the Clerk do inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask them to concur in the amendment of this House."

A message from the House of Representatives by their Clerk, informing [this House] that they had concurred in the amendment to the bill "respecting ferries, etc."

Also a bill "for fixing the places of holding courts in the several counties," to which they have receded from their amendment thereto and concurred in the amendment of this House.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "[Resolved] that this House now go into a committee of the whole on the Bill, 'supplemental to an act entitled, 'An act regulating the practice of the general court and courts of common pleas, etc.'" Mr. Judy in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that the committee rise and report the bill without amendment." On which the President resumed the chair, and the committee reported accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that the House agree to the Bill as reported by the committee of the whole, and that the Clerk inform the House of Representatives that this House do not concur in their amendment to the 'act regulating the practice of the general court and courts of common pleas.'"

"That this house have passed an act somewhat similar and ask their concurrence thereto."

Ordered that the memorial of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of this Territory be read a first time, and it was also read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that this memorial be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow."

A message from the House of Representives, by their Clerk, accompanied by a bill, "authorizing the appointment of county commissioners, etc." which passed their House and asking the concurrence of this House thereto.

Read a bill for the appointment of county commissioners, etc., the first time. Ordered that this bill be read a second time, which was done.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that this bill be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow."

A message from the House of Representatives, by their Clerk, accompanied by a bill "making appropriations of moneys for the ensuing year," passed in their House and asking the concurrence of this House thereto.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved that this bill be read a first time," which was done, and also a second time now, also done.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, Ordered that this bill be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

Council then adjourned until tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY THE 24TH, DECEMBER, 1812.

Council met agreeable to adjournment.

A message from the Honse of Representatives, by their Clerk, whereby they have sent to this House an act "concerning fines and forfeitures, etc.," to which they ask the concurrence of this House.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, "Resolved that this bill be read a first time now," which was done, as also a second time.

On motion, "Resolved that this bill be read a third time now," which was done.

On motion, "Resolved that this House concur in this bill, and [that] the Clerk inform the House of Representatives thereof."

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that this House go into a committee of the whole on the memorial to the Congress of the United States." Mr. Judy in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Menard, "Resolved that the memorial be rejected, and the President resumed the chair.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that this House now go into a committee of the whole on the bill for 'the appointment of county commissioners, etc.,'" Mr. Judy in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson to strike out the words, "as if they had been listed in such county," that the last line (on motion) of the last section be amended by inserting, "in the Clerk's office of," and the seventh section be amended by adding the words, "and the person holding such bond for conveyance shall pay said tax,"

A message from the House of Representatives, by their Clerk, accompanied by an act "concerning seals to process," to which they ask the concurrence of this House.

On the further discussion of the bill "appointing county commissioners," on motion, "Resolved that the committee rise and report the bill as amended," on which the President resumed the chair, and the House concurred in the amendment of the committee, that the Clerk inform the House of Representatives that this House have concurred in this bill as amended, and ask them to concur in the amendments.

A message from the House of Representatives, by their clerk, accompanied by a memorial and resolution to our delegate in Congress, for the concurrence of this House; ordered that it be read now a first time.

A message from the House of Representatives, by their clerk, accompanied by an act, "supplemental to an act entitled 'An act regulating the practice of the general court and courts of common pleas,'" in which they have concurred.

Also, "An act to repeal an act entitled, 'an act to prevent unlawful gaming,'" and also "for the removal and safe keeping of the ancient records and papers in this Territory," requesting the concurrence of this House to the two last mentioned acts.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that this House do concur in the memorial to Congress, etc., with the House of Representatives, and that the clerk do inform them thereof."

On motion, "Resolved that the bill to repeal 'an act to prevent unlawful gaming,' and also the bill 'for the removal of the ancient records, etc.,' be read a first time," which was done, and by order read a second time, which was [severally] done.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that this House concur in the above bills and that the clerk inform the House of Representatives thereof."

A message from the House of Representatives, by their clerk, informing this House that they have concurred in the bill "for the appointment of county commissioners, etc."

On motion, "Resolved that this House now go into a committee of the whole on the bill "appropriating money, etc." Mr. Judy in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Biggs, "Resolved [that] the sum of "two dollars per day" be inserted instead of "three dollars" in the third section and fifth line, and also that where it says, "three dollars for twenty miles riding," insert "two dollars" in the eighth line of said section, and amend the fourth section and fifth line by striking out "four dollars," and insert "three dollars," and also strike out "three dollars" and insert "two dollars per day."

On motion of Mr. Menard, "Resolved that the committee rise and report the bill as amended." On which the President resumed the chair, and the committee reported the bill as amended. "Resolved that the House concur in the bill as amended, and that the clerk do inform the House of Representatives thereof, and ask their concurrence to the amendments of this House."

Read the bill "concerning seals to process;" ordered that this bill be read a third time.

Ordered that the clerk do inform the House of Representatives that this House have concurred in this bill.

Mr. Biggs, from the Committee of Enrolled Bills, report that they have examined and compared the following acts and find them truly enrolled, towit: "A bill for fixing the places of holding courts in the several counties," and also the bill "to regulate grist mills and millers, etc.," and also a bill "concerning jurors," also another bill "concerning frauds, etc."

A message from the House of Representatives, by their clerk, informing [this House] that they have concurred in the amendments of this House in the bill "for the appropriations of money."

A message from the House of Representatives, by their clerk, accompanied by "an act for printing the laws," passed in their House; also "An act supplemental to the several militia laws." and pray the concurrence of this House to those bills.

Resolved that the bills "regulating the fees and salary of the Attorney General" be read a first time, which was done, and also a second time, which was done.

On motion, "Resolved that this bill be committed to a committee of the the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow."

Mr. Ferguson asked leave to bring in a bill "authorizing the courts to draw on the Territorial treasury," and which was introduced and read.

Council then adjourned until tomorrow morning.

FRIDAY THE 25TH DECEMBER, 1812.

Council met according to adjournment.

Mr. Biggs from the Committee of Enrolled Bills report that they have presented to the Governor the following bills, to-wit: "An act to fixing the places of holding Courts," also "An act to amend an act entitled, 'An act regulating Grist Mills and Millers etc.,'" "An act concerning Jurors," and also, "An act concerning frauds," and by information from the House of Representatives that the Governor has signed the same. On motion, "Resolved that the bill "authorizing the several courts of the counties of this Territory to draw on the Territorial Treasury for the services and expenses therein mentioned, etc.," be read a second time now."

On motion, "Resolved that this House go into a committee of the whole on this bill now," Mr. Judy in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, "[Resolved] that the committee rise," on which the president resumed the chair.

A message from the House of R. [Representatives] by their clerk whereby they have sent into this House for their concurrence a bill "fixing the salaries of certain public officers for one year."

On the bill "respecting the Attorney General," Mr. Biggs moved to withdraw this bill, granted, by reason of a bill from House of Representatives embracing the points in said bill.

On the bill "authorizing the courts to courts to draw on the Territorial Treasury" the committee report the bill without amendment, on passing the bill, on motion "Resolved that this House concur with the House of Representatives in this bill," on passing this bill ordered that vote be taken by yeas and nays.

Ayes—Messrs. Ferguson and Talbott. (2.)
Nays—Messrs. Biggs, Judy and Menard. (3.) Lost.

Ordered that the bill "supplemental to the militia laws be read a first time," which was done, ordered to be read a second time now, which was also done. Then read the bill for printing the laws of this Territory a first time, ordered that this bill be read a second time now, which was also done.

Ordered that the bill "supplemental to the militia law" be read now a third time.

On motion, "Resolved that this House concur in the said bill and that the clerk inform the House of Representatives thereof."

On motion, "Resolved that this House do concur with the House of Representatives in the bill, 'authorizing the Governor to have the laws printed, etc.,' and that the clerk inform them thereof."

On motion, "Resolved that and [An] act fixing the salaries of several officers be read a first time,' " which was done.

Ordered that this bill be read a second time now, which was also done. Ordered that this bill be read in a committee of the whole to-day.

Mr. Biggs, from the Committee of Enrolled Bills, reported that they have examined and compared the following acts, viz: "An act authorizing the appointment of county commissioners, etc.," also "An act regulating elections," and a resolution "concerning the sales of the public lands" and find them truly enrolled. On farther consideration in committee of the whole, of the bill "fixing the salaries of several officers, etc." Mr. Judy in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Talbott, "Resolved that the committee rise and report the bill without amendment."

On which the president resumed the chair, and the committee reported.

On motion, "Resolved that this House do concur in this bill, and that the clerk inform the House of Representatives thereof."

A message from the House of Representatives, by their clerk, accompanied by a resolution in the following words, to-wit: "Resolved that a joint committee be appointed by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives, to wait on the Governor and inform him that the Legislature have finished all the business before them, and, if consistent with his views, that they are desirous to adjourn their present session until the second Monday in November, next. And that if he shall have any further communications to make to the Legislature at the present session that he would be pleased to make the same as early as possible."

Mr. Biggs from the Committee of Enrolled Bills reported that they had presented to his Excellency the Governor, "An act regulating elections" also, "An act for the appointment of county commissioners, etc."

Said Committee have examined and compared the engrossed bills with the enrolled, to-wit: "An act concerning the General Court, etc.," "An act supplemental to an act entitled, 'An act regulating the practice of the General Court and Courts of Common Pleas, etc.,' " "An act concerning fines and forfeitures," "An act for the removal and safe keeping of the ancient records, etc.," "An act amending an act entitled 'An act to prevent unlawful gaming.' " All which they find truly enrolled.

The Council then adjourned until tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY, THE 26th DECEMBER, 1812.

Council met according to adjournment.

Mr. Biggs, from the Committee of Enrolled Bills, report that they had presented to his Excellency the Governor for his approbation and signature the following acts, viz: "An act supplemental to the several laws concerning the Militia;" "An act fixing the salaries to the several officers for one year;" "An act concerning the General Court;" "An act supplemental to 'An act regulating the practice of the General Court and Courts of Common Pleas, etc.;' " "An act concerning fines and forfeitures;" "An act for the removal

and safe keeping of the ancient records and papers, etc.;" "An act to amend an act entitled, 'An act to establish and regulate ferries, etc.;' " "An act to repeal an act entitled, 'An act to prevent unlawful gaming.' "

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, ordered that a bill "to repeal part of 'An act regulating the fees of several officers, etc.' " be read a first time now, and also the bill "supplemental to 'An act fixing the places of holding courts, etc.,' " be read a first time now, which was severally done. Ordered that they be severally read a second time now, also done.

Ordered that the above bills be engrossed and read a third time and pass, and that the Clerk inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Biggs, from the Committee of Enrolled Bills, report that they have examined "the act for printing the laws, etc.," and that the same is truly enrolled.

A message from the House of Representatives, by their Clerk, informing this House that they have concurred in the bill "supplemental to 'an act fixing the places for holding courts in the several counties.' "

And that they do not concur in the bill "to repeal part of an act entitled, 'an act regulating the fees of the several officers, etc.' "

A message from the House of Representatives, by their Clerk, informing this House that they have passed a law "to amend the Militia laws of this Territory."

Mr. Biggs, from the Committee of Enrolled Bills, report that they have examined "the act supplemental to 'an act to fix the places of holding courts in the several counties, etc.,' " and find the same truly enrolled.

A message from the House of Representatives, by their Clerk, informing this House that they had passed "An act concerning Clerk's fees in the Court of Chancery, etc.," and ask the concurrence of this House thereto.

Also that they have received official information that the Governor has approved and signed: "An act entitled an act to establish and regulate ferries, etc.;" "An act supplemental to the several laws concerning the Militia;" "An act regulating the General Court and Courts of Common Pleas;" also, "An act for the removal and safe keeping [of] the ancient records and public papers of this Territory;" also, "An act concerning the General Court;" also, "An act concerning fines and forfeitures," and "An act to prevent unlawful gaming."

On motion, resolved that the bill "to amend the Militia law" be read a first time; also, "An act concerning the Clerk's fees in the Court of Chancery; severally done, and also a second time.

On the third reading, "Resolved that this House agree with the House of Representatives in these bills, and that the Clerk inform them thereof."

A message from the House of Representatives, by their Clerk, whereby the [they] send to this House "An act supplemental to 'an act concerning the General Court,' " passed in their House, and ask the concurrence of this House thereto.

On motion resolved that the last mentioned act be read a first time, which was done, and also a second time. On the third reading, "Resolved, that this House do concur with the House of Representatives in this bill, and that the Clerk inform them thereof."

Mr. Biggs, from the Committee of Enrolled Bills, report that they have examined "An act to amend the Militia laws," and "An act concerning the Clerk's fees in the Court of Chancery," and find them truly enrolled.

The House of Representatives, by their Clerk, informed this House that their Speaker had signed the "Acts to amend the Militia laws," and 'the act concerning the Clerk's fees in the Court of Chancery," which acts were signed by the President of the Council.

Mr. Biggs, from the Committee of Enrolled Bills, report that they have presented to the Governor, for his approbation and signature, the following acts, viz: "An act to amend the Militia laws;" "An act making appropria-

tions for the ensuing year, etc.;" "An act for printing the laws, etc.;" "An act supplemental to an act entitled 'an act to fix the places for holding courts in the several counties, etc.;' " "An act supplemental to 'an act concerning the General Court;' " "An act concerning the Clerk's fees in the Court of Chancery;" "An act fixing the salaries of several public officers for one year."

By message from the House of Representatives this House are informed that the Governor has approved and signed the above acts.

The Governor, in the hall of the House of Representatives, prorogued the Legislature untill the second Monday in November next, in the following words, to-wit:

"Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and House of Representatives: By virtue of the powers vested in the Governor of this Territory, I do now prorogue the Legislature until the second Monday in November next.

(Signed) NINIAN EDWARDS.

26th December, 1812."

Attest:

J. THOMAS,
Sec'y L. C.

FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY, NOVEMBER 25 TO DECEMBER, 26, 1812.

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ILLINOIS TERRITORY.

Begun and held at the town of Kaskaskia on Wednesday the 25th day of November, one thousand eight and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States the thirty-seventh.

On which day, being the day appointed by his Excellency, the Governor of the Territory, for the meeting of the General Assembly.

A quorum having appeared, they proceeded to appoint Mr. George Fisher, Speaker *protem.* and Mr. John Messinger, Clerk, *protem.* and Mr. Thos. Van Swearingem, Doorkeeper, *protem.*

On motion, ordered that Mr. Alexander Wilson be, and he is hereby, appointed a committee on the part of this House, to act in conjunction with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Legislative Council, to contract for stationery &c., for the use of both Houses of the Legislature at their present session; and that the clerk of this House do carry this order to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

On motion, ordered that this House do adjourn untill ten o'clock to-morrow morning, and then the House adjourned accordingly.

THURSDAY, 26th of NOVEMBER, 1812.

The following members appeared and took their seats:

From Randolph—George Fisher.

From Gallatin—Philip Trammel and Alexander Wilson.

From Johnson—John Grammer.

From St. Clair—Joshua Oglesby and Jacob Short.

From Madison—Wm. Jones.

All of which produced their certificates of election except Mr. Alexander Wilson.

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Thomas, their [Secretary] Speaker.

"Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Legislative Council to inform this House that they do agree to the nomination of Alexander Wilson on the part of your House to contract for stationery, &c., and that they have appointed P. Menard on their part to act in conjunction.

On motion, ordered that a committee be appointed to examine and report to the House the validity of the certificates of election produced by the members of the same and that Messrs. Philip Trammel and Joshua Oglesby be a committee of examination on the part of George Fisher, Wm. Jones, Jacob Short, Alexander Wilson and Jno. Grammer, and that Messrs. William Jones and Jacob Short be a committee on the part of Philip Trammel and Joshua Oglesby.

On motion, ordered that the rules of decorum formerly used in the Indiana Territorial Legislature to regulate their sessions, be adopted in this Legislature and that they be copied on the journals of this House.

On motion, ordered that this House do adjourn untill tomorrow morning at nine o'clock and then the House adjourned accordingly.

FRIDAY, 27TH OF NOVEMBER, 1812.

The House met according to adjournment.

The committee to whom the certificates of election was referred reported that they have examined the same, viz.:

"From Galetin, Philip Trammel; from Madison, Wm. Jones; from St. Clair, Joshua Oglesby and Jacob Short.

"Mr. Wilson, a member from Galetin, county unfortunately forgot his certificate at home, but has sent for the same, and as some members know that he wasduly elected, we think he ought to take his seat.

"From Randolph, George Fisher; from Johnson county, John Grammer.

"We, the committee, are of [the] opinion that all the certificates are valid."

On motion, ordered that a committee be appointed to examine into the eligibility of members returned to serve in the present session, and report the same, and that Messrs. Josh. A. Oglesby, Jacob Short and Philip Trammel be that committee.

John Thomas, Esq., judge of the court of C. P. in St. Clair county, handed in at the Clerk's Table, certain documents respecting the contested election of Wm. Biggs, Esq., returned to serve in the Legislative Council. Said documents having passed the examination of the House, on motion, Resolved, that the members of this House do not conceive that the said contested election comes within the province of this House; therefore, ordered that the clerk carry the papers to the Legislative Council.

On motion, ordered that the House adjourn to three o'clock, this afternoon.

Adjourned accordingly.

THREE O'CLOCK, FRIDAY, NOV. 27TH, 1812.

The House met according to adjournment.

Mr. Oglesby, from the committee to whom the eligibility of the members was referred, reported: That each member shall produce to this House a deed, bond or confirmation of being vested in two hundred acres of land, or sufficient proof that they are in possession of some such claim.

On motion, ordered that this House now go into the election of their Speaker, and, after counting the votes, it appeared that Mr. George Fisher was duly elected.

On motion, ordered that this House do adjourn untill ten o'clock tomorrow morning, and then the House adjourned accordingly.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

On motion, Resolved, that this House do now proceed to the election of a Clerk and jointly with the Council to the election of Doorkeeper to both Houses, and that said elections be by ballot.

The House then proceeded to the election of a clerk and on counting the ballots, William C. Greenup was declared to be duly elected, who gave his attendance accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Oglesby, and seconded, Resolved, that it shall be the duty of the Doorkeeper to announce all messages which may be sent to either House, to carry all messages, either public or private, when directed by either House, to provide wood and keep good fires in each room when the weather requires it, to have each House swept clean every morning, to provide water for each House during their sitting, and shall, when requested, call any member by his proper name and shall also execute such other reasonable commands which a majority of either House may require of him.

Ordered that the clerk do carry the said resolution to the Council and request their concurrence.

On motion, ordered that the Clerk inform the Council that this House is now opened and ready to proceed to Legislative business.

Ordered that Mr. Trammel be appointed a committee on the part of this House, jointly with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Council, to wait on His Excellency, the Governor of this Territory, and inform him that a quorum of both Houses is assembled and ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make to them.

Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"Mr. Speaker: The Council have agreed to the resolution from this House respecting the duties of the Doorkeeper with an amendment to which they request the concurrence of this House," and then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment of the Council to the resolution respecting the duties of the Doorkeeper, and the same being read, was, on the question being taken thereon, concurred in by the House.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Council thereof.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Council to inform the House of Representatives that the Council is now assembled and ready to proceed to Legislative business and that they have appointed a committee on their part, jointly with the committee appointed by the House of Representatives, to wait on the Governor and inform him that they are now ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make to them," and then he withdrew.

On motion, ordered that the Clerk inform the Council that this House is now ready on their part to proceed, jointly with them, to the election of a Doorkeeper.

The members of the Council, with their President, then assembled in the chamber of the House of Representatives, and jointly, with the members of this House, proceeded to ballot for a doorkeeper, and, on counting the ballots, Thomas Van Swearengen was declared to be duly elected, who gave his attendance accordingiy.

Mr. Trammel, from the joint committee appointed to wait on the Governor reported that the committee had performed the service assigned to them, and that the Governor signified that he would make a communication in person in about half an hour.

The members of the Council, accompanied by their President, and the members of the House of Representatives, accompanied by their Speaker, being assembled in the House of Representatives' chamber, received from his Excellency, the Governor, in person, the following communication:

"Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:—The defense of our frontier, with other public duties connected therewith, have, for some time passed, claimed and still continue to demand every moment's attention which it is in my power to bestow upon them.

Owing to which circumstances, I am very unprepared to meet you, and should not have issued my proclamation for convening you at this time, had it not been for a single case which would not, consistently with the public good, admit of further delay. In order to give effect to the late law of Congress extending to the people of this Territory an enlargement of the right of

suffrage, it became my duty to create three new counties by my proclamation of September last, since which time there have been no courts in any of those counties, and according to the present organization of our judiciary system, no courts can be held, nor any legal process can be issued in either of them, till a law shall be passed by your honorable body for that purpose.

Beyond this, I have not had time to turn my attention to any subject, which, under different circumstances, it would have been my duty to recommend to your consideration. And if there be anything else that requires your immediate interposition, I have no doubt it will readily present itself to your own minds.

The propriety of entering at large in the present state of things, upon the various subjects of legislation, or of disposing of such business as requires to be immediately acted on, and adjourning to a future day, I submit without remark to your own judgments. In either case you may be assured of the most cordial and useful cooperation which it may be in my power to afford.

Of the unfavorable aspect that our relations with our savage neighbors have, for some time past, worn, you are well apprized, and I am sorry that I have nothing to communicate indicative of a change for the better.

We have, however, abundant cause to return thanks to the Almighty disposer of events for having enabled us, under the most adverse circumstances, to repel their late hostile invasion and to inflict upon them, at their own villages, the evils they had meditated against us. In doing which, if we had not had all the assistance we had a right to expect, no blame, whatever, is chargeable either to the administration of the general government or to myself.

By the utmost exertions I was, in the course of this year, fortunate enough to discover the machinations and intrigues of certain British emissaries amongst the Indians, and to obtain a complete development of their views and intentions. The evidence of which I transmitted to the honorable Secretary of war, who thereupon authorized me to call upon the Governor of Kentucky for such a portion of the quota of the militia of that state as would be adequate to any emergencies that might exist. In consequence of which I immediately addressed a letter to the Governor of Kentucky, in which I requested a regiment of infantry to be sent on to my aid, and endeavored by a plain statement of facts, well supported by the most conclusive testimony to show the propriety of and necessity for such a requisition. My letter was very politely answered by Governor Shelby, who stated that he had great apprehensions for the safety of the inhabitants of this Territory, that he suspected we would be warmly attacked, and that he had ordered a regiment of militia to Kaskaskia for my assistance. It, however, never arrived, nor have I received any official communication accounting for this failure.

Disappointed in my expectations of other support I was obliged to rely exclusively upon our own fellow citizens whose bravery and patriotism have entitled them to the gratitude of their country, which I flatter myself, will properly appreciate and justly reward their distinguished services. You, gentlemen, are very capable of estimating their value. You can readily imagine the gloomy aspect that this Territory must have exhibited.

Had the Indians succeeded, only partially in their attempts upon our Northern frontier, while it would have weakened us by the terror and consequent depopulation which it would have produced, their confidence would have been increased, the Sacs and other Indians would have united with them, and, with so inconsiderable a population as ours, spread over such an extent of country, and so much exposed, it is hardly probable that we could have withstood their united attacks.

I am not sensible that any duty, which it was in my power to perform, has been omitted, but for a view of my conduct throughout all the scenes we have latterly witnessed, I beg leave to refer you to my correspondence with Captain Russell, Governor Shelby and my letter to the honorable Secretary War of the 18th inst., copies of all which I have the honor herewith to communicate.

NINIAN EDWARDS.

On motion, ordered that Mr. Trammel and Mr. Oglesby be appointed a committee to frame and report the draft of an address in answer to the communication of the Governor.

On motion, ordered that the House be adjourned until Monday morning 10 o'clock, and then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

The Speaker being absent, Mr. Jones was appointed Speaker *protempore*.

On motion, ordered that the House be adjourned until tomorrow morning 10 o'clock, and then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

On motion, ordered that the members have a recess until the afternoon to attend the debates in the Council.

After a recess of several hours, and the Speaker having attended, the House again met.

Mr. Trammel, from the committee appointed to draft an address in answer to the communications of the Governor, reported the draft of an address which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

On motion of Mr. Jones, and seconded, ordered that the said address be laid on the table and read tomorrow.

Ordered that the House be adjourned until tomorrow morning 10 o'clock, and then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

An address in answer to the Governor's communication was read as follows:

"KASKASKIA, December 2d, 1812.

To His Excellency, Ninian Edwards:

SIR: The House of Representatives being much gratified with the communication which you have made, would disguise their feelings and do injustice to those of their constituents, were they not to express their approbation of the measures you have pursued to protect our frontiers and secure to us the advantages which nature evidently designed for us.

This protection, secured by your means, announces to us the interest which the general government takes in our welfare.

It commands our attachment to the present administration, while we are fully penetrated with the conviction that the most beneficial results have been secured by the instrumentality of a public servant who, we believe, has been influenced by a desire to promote the public welfare and happiness.

The objects that he has recommended shall engage our earliest attention. We wish you may long continue to enjoy the confidence of your country, and, with it, health and happiness.

Which said address after being engrossed and read a second time was unanimously concurred in and signed by the Speaker.

Ordered that Mr. Jones and Mr. Short be appointed a committee to carry the said address and present it to the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Jones, and seconded, "Resolved that a committee be appointed to examine the statutes of the Indiana Territory, and the acts passed by the Governor and Judges of the Illinois Territory and report what shall be in force, by bill or otherwise.

Ordered that Mr. Trammel and Mr. Wilson be a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, and seconded, "Resolved that a committee be appointed to fix the seats of justice of the different counties and the time of holding courts of common pleas in the several counties, to-wit: Gallatin, Johnson, Randolph, St. Clair, and Madison, and report the same by bill or otherwise."

Ordered that Mr. Short, Mr. Grammar and Mr. Jones be appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Trammell,

Ordered that the rules for conducting business in this House, adopted on Thursday last, be entered on the Journal of this day, which said rules are as follows:

OF THE SPEAKER.

I. The Speaker with two members of the House, shall be sufficient to adjourn, to call a House and send for absent members. and make an order for their censure or fine, and with a majority may proceed to business.

II. Any three members of the House shall be sufficient to send for absent members, or adjourn, or appoint a speaker pro tem, and with a majority may proceed to business.

III. The speaker shall take the chair every day at the hour to which the House shall have adjourned the preceeding day, shall immediately call the members to order and on the appearance of a majority, the Journal of the preceeding day shall be read.

IV. He shall preserve order and decorum, may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his chair for that purpose; he shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House on request of any two members.

V. He shall appoint committees, subject to an addition or alteration by a motion of any member of the House.

VI. He may state a question sitting, but shall rise to put a question.

VII. Questions shall be distinctly put in the following manner, to-wit: "All you who are of opinion that (as the case may be) say aye, all of the contrary opinion, say no."

VIII. If the speaker doubts, or a division be called for, the House shall divide, those in the affirmative of the question shall first rise from their seats, and afterwards those in the negative; and then the Speaker shall rise and state the decision of the House.

IX. The Speaker shall not vote unless the House be equally divided, in that case he shall give the casting vote except in the election of the officers of the House or upon taking the joint ballot of both Houses, in those cases the Speaker shall vote.

OF DEBATE.

X. When a member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the House, he shall rise and respectfully address himself to "Mr. Speaker."

XI. If any member in speaking, or otherwise, transgress the rules of the House, the Speaker shall, or any member may, call to order; and the member called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain,

and the House if appealed to, shall decide without debate; if the decision shall be in favour of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed, if against him, and the case require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the House.

XII. When two or more members rise at once, the Speaker shall name the person who is first to speak.

XIII. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave of the House, no more than once until every member choosing to speak has spoken.

XIV. Whilst the Speaker is putting the question, or addressing the House, no member shall walk across or out of the House, neither in such case, or when a member is speaking, shall any [one] entertain private discourse nor whilst a member is speaking shall pass between him and the chair.

XV. No member shall vote on any question in the event of which he is immediately and particularly interested, or in any other case where he was not present when the question was put.

XVI. Every member who shall be in the House when the question is put, shall vote on the one side or on the other, unless the House, for special reasons, shall excuse him.

XVII. When a motion is made and seconded it shall be stated by the Speaker, or if it be in writing it shall be handed to the chair, and read aloud by the clerk before debated.

XVIII. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the speaker or any member desire it.

XIX. After a motion is stated by the Speaker, or read by the clerk, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the House, but may be withdrawn at any time before a decision or amendment.

XX. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless to amend it, to commit it, or for the previous question or to adjourn.

XXI. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order and shall be decided without debate.

XXII. The previous question being moved and seconded the question from the chair shall be "Shall the main question be now put?" and if the noes prevail the main question shall not then be put.

XXIII. On the main question no member shall speak more than once without leave.

XXIV. Any member may call for a division of the question when the sense will admit of it.

XXV. A motion [for] commitment, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments of the main question.

XXVI. Motions and reports may be committed at the pleasure of the House.

XXVII. If a question be lost by adjournment of the House, and revived on the succeeding day, no member, who has spoken twice on the day preceding, shall be permitted again to speak without leave.

XXVIII. Petitions, memorials and other papers addressed to the House may be presented by any member, who shall state, to the House the contents thereof, which may be received, read and referred on the same day to the proper committee if the House agree thereto.

XXIX. Upon a call of the House for the "yeas and nays" on any question the names of the members shall be called alphabetically.

XXX. Any member shall have the right to call for the "yeas and nays" provided he request it before the question be put.

XXXI. No member shall name another member, present, in debate.

OF BILLS.

XXXII. Every bill shall be introduced by motion for leave, or by order of the House, on the report of a committee, and in either case a committee to prepare the same shall be appointed; and every such motion may be committed.

XXXIII. Every bill, previous to its passage shall undergo three readings, one on each day for three days, and free discussion allowed thereon, unless in cases of urgency the House, by a concurrence of two-thirds, shall deem it expedient and dispense with this rule.

XXXIV. The general question on the first reading shall be "Shall the bill be read a second time?"

XXXV. On the second reading of the bill, the Speaker shall state it ready for commitment or engrossment; and if committed, then the question shall be "Whether to a select committee or to a committee of the whole House?" and the House shall determine on what day, but if the bill be ordered to be engrossed, the House shall appoint a day when it shall be read a third time, and a bill may be recommitted.

XXXVI. Bills shall be engrossed in a plain, round hand and the style shall be "Be it enacted by the Legislative Council, etc."

XXXVII. When a bill passes it shall [be] certified by the clerk, who at the foot thereof shall note the day it passed.

XXXVIII. The bills not finally acted upon, shall be taken up and read, beginning with the bill in most forwardness, and pursuing the same order until they shall be gone through.

XXXIX. Petitions and the reports of committees shall be given in before the business mentioned in the preceding rule shall be entered upon, or after the same shall have been disposed of.

OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE HOUSE.

XL. It shall be the standing order of the day throughout the whole session, for the House to resolve itself into a committee of the Whole House on the State of the Territory, and in forming the committee of the Whole House, the Speaker shall leave his chair, and a chairman to preside in committee, shall be appointed by the Speaker.

XLI. Upon a bill being committed to a committee of the Whole House, the same shall be first read through by the clerk; and then read and debated by clauses, leaving the preamble to be last considered; after report the bill shall again be subject to debate, and amendment by clauses, before the question for engrossing it be taken.

XLII. All amendments made to any original motion in committee, shall be incorporated with the motion and so reported.

XLIII. All questions, whether in committee or in the House, shall be disposed of in the order in which they were moved, except that in filling up the blanks, the largest sum and the most remote day shall be first put.

XLIV. The rules of proceeding in the House, shall be observed in Committee, so far as they may be applicable, except that of limiting the time of speaking.

XLV. A majority of any committee shall be a sufficient number to proceed to business.

XLVI. That nine o'clock in the morning be the standing order of adjournment.

JOINT RULES OF BOTH HOUSES.

I. While bills are on their passage between the two Houses they shall be on paper and under the signature of the clerk of each house, respectively.

II. After a bill shall have passed both Houses it shall be duly enrolled on paper, under the signature of the clerk of the House, where the bill shall have originated before it shall be presented to the Governor.

III. When bills are enrolled, they shall be examined by a joint committee, of one from the Legislative Council and one from the House of Representatives, appointed as a standing committee for that purpose. This committee shall examine and compare the enrolled with the engrossed bills, as they passed in the two Houses and correcting any errors that may be discovered in the Enrolled Bills, and make their report forthwith to their respective Houses.

IV. After examination and report, each bill shall be signed in the respective Houses, first by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and then by the President of the Legislative Council.

V. After a bill shall have been thus signed in each House it shall be presented to the Governor for his approbation, it being first endorsed on the back of the bill, certifiying in which House the same originated, which endorsement shall be signed by the clerk of the House in which the same did originate and shall be entered on the journal of each House; the said committee shall report the day of presentation to the Governor, which time shall be carefully entered on the journal of each House.

VI. All orders and resolutions which are to be presented to the Governor for his approbation, shall also be previously examined and signed, and shall be presented in the same manner, and by the same committee, as is provided in cases of bills.

VII. Every order, resolution or vote to which the concurrence of the Council shall be necessary, shall be read to the House and laid on the table, on a day preceding that on which the same shall be moved, unless the House shall otherwise expressly allow.

VIII. When any papers which may come officially before either House of the Legislature or any communications from the Governor, which are proper to be acted upon by both Houses, the House before which such papers are laid, or to which such communications are made shall, as soon as they shall have acted on the same lay them before the other House.

On motion of Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Trammel, resolved that a committee be appointed to regulate and draft a system of taxation for the purpose of raising a Territorial fund.

Ordered that Mr. Oglesby, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Tramel be appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

Ordered that the House be adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

On motion of Mr. Jones, and seconded, ordered that the clerk do carry the joint rules, for the government of both houses, adopted and entered on the journals of this house to the council and request their concurrence..

Mr. Oglesby asked and obtained leave to present a petition addressed to the Secretary of War of the United States praying that a fort may be erected at the village of Peoria on the Illinois river and that two companies of regular troops may be stationed at that place and recommending Capt. Wm. O. Allen of the 24th regiment of the United States Infantry to be a proper person to command the service, which said petition was received and handed in at the clerks table where the same was twice read and unanimously concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Oglesby, and seconded, resolved, unanimously, that the foregoing address be signed by the Speaker of this House and by the president of the Legislative Council and that his Excellency, the Governor be requested to transmit the same to the President of the United States.

Ordered that the clerk do carry the said petition and Resolution to the Council and request their concurrence.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their secretary:

Mr. Speaker:—"The Council have concurred with the House of Representatives, in the Joint rules for the Govt. of both Houses," and then he withdrew.

Mr. Wilson from the committee appointed to examine the statutes of the Indiana Territory and the acts passed by the Governor and Judges of the Illinois Territory and report what shall be in force, presented.

A bill declaring what laws are in force in this Territory, which was received and read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Oglesby, and seconded, ordered that the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house on this day.

The House, according to order resolved itself into a committee of the whole house on the bill declaring what laws are in force in this Territory, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Jones reported that the committee had, according to order, had said bill under consideration and made some progress therein.

On motion of Mr. Oglesby, and seconded, resolved that said bill be recommitted to a select committee.

Ordered that Mr. Oglesby, Mr. Trammel and Mr. Wilson be appointed a select committee pursuant to said resolution.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their secretary:

Mr. Speaker:—The Council do concur with the House of Representatives in the Petition to the Secretary of War, and their resolution thereon.

"They have also passed a Resolution subjoined to a petition to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States requesting that Congress may authorize Major John Moredock of this Territory to raise four companies of Mounted Troops to be employed for the term of one year for the defence of the frontier settlements, to which they request the concurrence of this House; and that the Council have appointed Mr. Biggs on their part to be a standing committee of enrollments, jointly with such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House," and then he withdrew.

The said petition to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States and the resolution thereto subjoined were then taken up and severally twice read and on the question being put thereon were unanimously concurred in by the House.

Ordered that the clerk do inform the Council thereof.

Mr. Short, from the committee appointed to present the address of this House in answer to the communication of the Governor, reported that the committee had, according to the order, performed that service and that they received from the Governor a written reply, which he delivered in at the clerk's table where the same was read as follows:

"*Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:*

"Having exerted my utmost efforts to promote the happiness and prosperity of the people of this Territory, and to defend them against the hostile agressions of ruthless savages; I feel particular gratification in the assurance, which you very politely give me, that my measures have received the approbation of yourselves and your constituents.

"This, to me is an ample reward for all the toil and sacrifices that have attended my instrumentality in effecting those results, which you suppose, and which I myself, believe must be beneficial to our country.

"From your deliberations on the subjects to which you allude, I anticipate the best of consequences.

"For your kind wishes that I may long continue to enjoy the confidence of my country, and with it health and happiness, I beg of you to accept my sincerest thanks and to be assured that towards yourselves, all those wishes are sincerely reciprocated by me.

NINIAN EDWARDS."

And then the House adjourned until tomorrow 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

Mr. Oglesby, from the select committee to whom was referred the bill "Declaring what laws are now in force" reported that the committee had had the same under their consideration and gone through the same with considerable amendments, which he delivered in at the clerk's table where the same were read, and on the question being put thereon were unanimously concurred in by the House.

On motion, the said bill was then again read the second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on this day.

The engrossed bill, "Declaring what laws are in force," was read a third time.

Resolved, that the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act declaring what laws are in force in the Illinois Territory."

Ordered that the clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the House two petitions from Benjamin Stephenson of Randolph county, one praying that the Legislature pass a law to allow compensation to Brigade inspectors and to remunerate him for services performed as Brigade Inspector, and the other praying the Legislature to pass a law for his relief as Sheriff of Randolph county and collector of the county levies.

Ordered that the said petitions be referred to a select committee composed of Mr. Wilson, Mr. Jones and Mr. Grammar, to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Trammel asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to repeal part of certain acts and for other purposes and delivered the same in at the clerk's table, where the same was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

Ordered, that Mr. Wilson be appointed, on the part of this House, a Standing Committee of Enrollments.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Council thereof.

Mr. Speaker signed the enrolled resolutions respecting the erecting of a fort at Peoria, and the resolution and petition to Congress requesting the General Government to authorize John Mordock to raise four companies of mounted men for the defense of the frontier.

Mr. Wilson, from the standing Joint Committee of Enrollments, reported that the committee had delivered the said enrolled and signed resolutions and memorials, to the Governor and requested of him to cause the same to be transmitted, according to the resolutions aforesaid.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

The Speaker being absent, Mr. Jones was chosen Speaker *protem.*

The bill to repeal parts of certain acts and for other purposes was read a second time, and on motion was committed to a committee of the whole House.

The House then, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the said bill, and after some time spent therein the committee rose and Mr. Wilson reported that the committee have had the said bill under their consideration and have gone through the same without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Oglesby and seconded, ordered that the said bill be engrossed and read a third time today.

Mr. Short asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill concerning Courts of Common Pleas and fixing the time of holding terms in the respective counties, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read the first time and on motion the said bill was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow.

Mr. Trammel asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill "to amend an act entitled 'An act regulating the admission and practice of attorneys and counselors at law,' " which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, when the same was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

The engrossed bill to repeal parts of certain laws and for other purposes was read the third time.

Resolved, that the said bill do pass and that the title be "An act to repeal parts of certain acts and for other purposes."

Ordered, that the Clerk do carry the said bill to the Council and request their concurrence.

And then the House adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

The Speaker having now attended, took his seat.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"MR. SPEAKER: The Legislative Council have requested me to lay before the House of Representatives an address to the President of the United States, representing the perilous situation of the frontier inhabitants of this Territory and exhibiting a view of the distressing calamities of Indian hostilities and the hardships experienced by the Militia of the Territory who have lately been called into service, and the delay of the remuneration to which they are entitled from the General Government, and requesting aid from the Government in future and a compensation for the past, to which they request the concurrence of this House;" and then he withdrew.

On motion and seconded, the said address was then taken up being read three times, was, on the question being put, unanimously concurred in by this House.

On motion of Mr. Wilson and seconded, Resolved, that the foregoing address be signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the President of the Legislative Council and that the said address be sent to the Governor of this Territory with a request that he transmit the same to the President of the United States.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Council that this House concur with them in the said address and that he carry the said resoluion to the Council and request their concurrence.

Mr. Jones asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to extend the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace and delivered the same at the Clerk's table where it was read the first time and on motion it was ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

The Speaker asked and obtained leave of absence for an hour and Mr. Wilson was chosen Speaker pro tem.

The engrossed bill concerning courts of common pleas and fixing the time for holding terms in the respective counties, was read, and on motion of Mr. Oglesby, the said bill was committed to a committee of the whole House on this day.

The bill to amend an act entitled, "An act regulating the admission and practice of attorneys and councillors at law," was read a second time and committed to a committe of the whole House on this day.

The House, then according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the engrossed bill concerning courts of common pleas and fixing the time for holding terms in the respective counties; and the bill to amend an act entitled, "An act regulating the admission and practice of attorneys and counsellors at law," and after sometime spent therein the committee rose, and Mr. Wilson reported that the committee had the said bill under consideration and had made some progress in the said first bill and asked leave to sit thereon again tomorrow, and that they had gone through said last bill without amendment.

Ordered that the House do resolve itself into a committee of the whole on tomorrow on the bill concerning courts of common pleas and fixing the time of holding terms in the respective counties.

Ordered that the bill to amend the act entitled, "An act regulating the admission and practice of attorneys and counsellors at law," be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow.

The Speaker having now returned resumed his chair.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"Mr. Speaker: The Council have passed the bill entitled, "An act declaring what laws are in force in this Territory," with an amendment to which they desire the concurrence of this House, and then he withdrew.

The House then proceeded to consider the amendment of the Council to the said bill, and the same being taken up and read at the Clerk's table, as follows, to-wit: "In the sixth and seventh lines of the first section strike out the words "and which can be applicable to this Territory,'" and insert in lieu thereof the words following: "That are of a general nature and not local to Indiana Territory." And on the question being put thereon, the said amendment was concurred in by this House.

Ordered that the Clerk do inform the Council thereof.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"Mr. Speaker: The Council have concurred in the resolution from this House to the address to the President of the United States," and then he withdrew.

Mr. Jones asked and obtained leave to present a bill to authorize magistrates to allow persons convicted of petty larceny the choice of punishment for the same, and delivered the same in at the Clerk's table, where it was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, and seconded, "Resolved that the Legislative Council and House of Representatives do, on this day, jointly elect an Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk to both Houses during the balance of the present session."

Ordered that the Clerk do carry the said Resolution to the Council and desire their concurrence.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee of Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had compared the enrolled with the engrossed bill entitled: "An act declaring what laws are now in force in the Illinois Territory," and found the same truly enrolled.

Mr. Speaker then signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered that the Clerk carry the same to the Council.

The engrossed bill to amend the act entitled: "An act regulating the admission and practice of attorneys and counsellors at law" was read the third time.

Resolved that the said bill do pass and that the title be "An act to amend the act entitled "An act regulating the admission and practice of attorneys and counsellors at law."

Ordered that the clerk carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Council has passed a resolution respecting the election of an Engrossing and an Enrolling Clerk and desire the concurrence of this House, and then he withdrew.

The said resolution was then taken up and read as follows: "Whereas, the election agreeable to the resolution of yesterday, was not gone into, Therefore, Resolved, that we now proceed to the election of an Engrossing Clerk for both Houses during the balance of the present session.

On motion, Resolved, That this House do concur with the Council in the aforesaid resolution and that the clerk inform the Council thereof, and this House is now ready to proceed jointly with the Council to the election of an Engrossing and Enrolling Clerk.

An election was then held by ballot by the members of both Houses and, on counting the ballots, Mr. Edward Humphreys was declared to be duly elected.

Ordered that the said Edward Humphreys do give his attendance accordingly.

The bill to extend the jurisdiction of magistrates was read the second time, and on motion was ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on this day.

The bill to authorize magistrates to allow persons convicted of petty larceny the right [of] choice of punishment for the same read a second time.

On motion the said bill was committed to a select committee to report thereon on this day.

Ordered that Mr. Jones and Mr. Trammell be appointed a select committee on the said bill.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"Mr. Speaker: The Council have passed the engrossed bill from this House entitled 'An act to repeal parts of certain acts and for other purposes,' with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House," and then he withdrew.

On motion and seconded, ordered that the said bill and amendment lie on the table until to-morrow, and be then committed to a committee of the whole House.

The House then, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the engrossed bill concerning Courts of Common Pleas, and fixing the time of holding terms in the respective counties; and the bill to extend the jurisdiction of magistrates, and after some time spent therein the committee rose, and Mr. Jones reported that the committee have had the said bills under consideration and made some progress in the first said bill but came to no conclusion thereon, and asked leave to sit thereon again to-morrow; aud that the committee had come to a resolution on the said second bill, which he delivered in at the clerk's table where the same was read as follows:

"Resolved, that the bill entitled, 'An act specifying an addition to the magistrate's jurisdiction', shall not pass, and that the same be thrown under the table."

And on the question being taken, on agreeing to the report of the committee it was resolved in the affirmative, and so the said last mentioned bill was rejected.

And then the House adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

Mr. Wilson, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Stephenson, presented a bill for the relief of the sheriff of Randolph county, and a bill for the relief of Benjamin Stephenson and for other purposes, which were received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

Mr. Grammar asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled, "An act to amend the act regulating the practice in the general courts and courts of common pleas, and for other purposes," and a bill to amend the several laws of the militia and for the relief of Quakers and Dunkards and other religious persons conscientiously scrupulous of bearing arms, which was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, and after some time spent therein, the committee rose and Mr. Short reported that the committee have had the bill concerning courts of common pleas and fixing the time for holding terms in the respective counties, and made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit thereon again tomorrow; also the amendment of the council to the bill to repeal parts of certain acts and for other purposes and had come to a resolution thereon, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where it was read as follows:

"Resolved, that the amendment of the Council to the bill to repeal part of certain acts and for other purposes, be concurred in by this committee."

On motion, the report of the Committee of the Whole was unanimously concurred in.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Council that the House concur in their amendment to the last mentioned bill.

Mr. Trammell, from the committee appointed to regulate and draft a system of taxation for the purpose of raising a Territorial fund, presented a bill for levying and collecting a tax on land, which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

Mr. Jones, from the select committee to whom was referred the bill to authorize magistrates to allow persons convicted of petty larceny the right of choice of punishment for the same, reported the same without amendment.

And on the question being put on the said bill, being engrossed and read a third time, it passed in the negative, the Speaker, on an equal division of the House, giving the casting vote, and so the said bill was rejected.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"Mr. Speaker:—The Council have disagreed to the engrossed bill from this House entitled, 'An act to amend an act entitled, an act regulating the admission and practice of attorneys and counsellors at law' ", and then he withdrew.

On motion and seconded, ordered that Mr. Wilson be appointed a committee to enquire and contract on the best terms possible for a sufficiency of firewood for this House during the ballance of the present session and to make report thereof.

And then the House adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

The bill for the relief of Benjamin Stephenson was read a second time. On motion ordered that the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole House tomorrow.

The bill for the relief of the sheriff of Randolph county was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow.

The bill to amend an act entitled, "An act regulating the practice in the general court and courts of common pleas and for other purposes," was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow.

The bill to amend the act concerning the militia and for the relief of Dunkards, Quakers and persons conscientiously scrupulous of bearing arms, and the bill for levying and collecting a tax on lands was read the second time and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on tomorrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill concerning courts of common pleas and fixing the time of holding terms in the respective counties, and after some time spent therein the committee rose and Mr. Jones reported that the committee of the whole had the said bill under their consideration and had agreed to sundry amendments thereto which he delivered in.

And on the question being put on agreeing to the amendment of the committee it passed in the affirmative, and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow.

Mr. Jones asked and obtained leave to present a bill to regulate the general court and for fixing the time of holding the terms thereof, which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Enrollments, reported that the committee had examined the engrossed with the enrolled bill entitled, "An act to repeal parts of certain acts and for other purposes," and found the same truly enrolled.

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered that the clerk carry the same to the Council.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"MR. SPEAKER: The Council have passed a bill vesting the judges of the general court with chancery powers, to which they request the concurrence of this House," and then he withdrew.

The engrossed bill for the relief of the sheriff of Randolph county was read the third time. Resolved that the said bill do pass and that the title be "An act for the relief of the sheriff of Randolph county."

Ordered that the clerk carry the said bill to the Council and request their concurrence.

The engrossed bill to amend an act entitled "An act regulating the practice in the general court and court of common pleas" and for other purposes was read a third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass and that the title be "An act to amend an act entitled "An act regulating the practice in the general court and courts of common pleas and for other purposes.' "

Ordered that the clerk carry the said Bill to the council and request their concurrence.

The engrossed bill concerning courts of common pleas and fixing the time of holding terms in the several counties was read the third time.

Resolved, that the said bill do pass and that the title be "An act concerning the court of common pleas and fixing the time of holding terms in the several counties.

Ordered that the clerk carry the same to the Council and request their concurrence.

The bill to regulate the general court and for fixing the time of holding the terms thereof was read a second time and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole and after some time spent therein the committee rose and Mr. Wilson reported that the committee have had under their consideration the bill for the relief of Benjamin Stephenson and for other purposes, and had gone through the same without amendment; also the bill to amend the law concerning the militia and for the relief of Quakers, Dunkards and other religious persons who are conscientiously scrupulous of bearing arms, and had filled up the blanks therein; and the bill for levying and collecting a tax on land, and had gone through the same with sundry amendments which he delivered in at the clerks table.

On motion, resolved that the House do concur in the said report of the committee.

Ordered, that the bill for levying and collecting a tax on land, and the bill from the Council giving to the Judges of the General Court, chancery powers, be engrossed and read on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

The Speaker being absent, Mr. Jones was chosen Speaker *pro-tem.*

The bill for the relief of Benjamin Stephenson and for other purposes, was read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Oglesby, and seconded, the said bill was amended by striking out the words "two hundred dollars" in the first section and inserting in lieu thereof "forty-two dollars;" and by striking out the words "two hundred dollars per annum" in the second section and inserting in lieu thereof "two dollars per day while in service as Brigade Inspector, to be paid annually out of any money in the Territorial treasury not otherwise appropriated, upon a certificate of the Brigadier General."

And on the question being put on agreeing to the said amendments they were unanimously concurred in.

Resolved, that the said bill, as amended, do pass, and that the title be "An act for the relief of Benjamin Stephenson and for other purposes."

Ordered, that said bill with the amendments be engrossed and that the Clerk carry the same to the Council and request their concurrence.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee of Enrolments, reported that the committee did on yesterday present to the Governor for his approbation, the bill entitled "An act declaring what laws are in force in the Illinois Territory.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Hugh H. Maxwell:

"Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to inform this House that he has, according to the joint request of both Houses of the Legislature, transmitted two addresses of the Legislature, one to the Honorable Shadrack Bond, our delegate in Congress, the other to the President of the United States, both of which addresses originated in this House. I am also directed by the Governor to inform this House that he has approved and signed a bill entitled, 'An act declaring what laws are in force in the Illinois Territory.' "

An then he withdrew.

Ordered, that the Clerk inform the Council thereof.

The bill to amend the law concerning the Militia and for the relief of Quakers, Dunkards, and other religious persons conscientiously scrupulous of bearing arms, was read the third time.

Mr. Short made a motion to throw the said bill under the table.

On the question being put on the said motion it passed in the negative, the Speaker on an equal division of the House giving the casting vote.

Resolved, that the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act to amend the several laws concerning the Militia and for the relief of Quakers, Dunkards, and other persons conscientiously scrupulous of bearing arms."

Ordered, that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Council and request their concurrence.

The bill for levying and collecting a tax on land was read a third time.

Resolved, that the said bill do pass and that the title be "An act for levying and collecting a tax on land."

Ordered, that the Clerk do carry the said bill to the Council and request their concurrence.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"Mr. Speaker: The Council have concurred with this House in the bill for the relief of the Sheriff of Randolph county, with sundry amendments to which they request the concurrence of this House;" and then he withdrew.

The House then proceeded to consider the amendments of the Council to the said bill and the same was taken up and read as follows: "A bill for the relief of the sheriffs of Randolph county and St. Clair."

"Whereas, the sheriffs of Randolph and St. Clair counties was unable to finish their business in the counties of Gallatin, Johnson and Madison in consequence of their being now separated from the counties of Randolph and St. Clair, and in consequence of the inauspicious state of our affairs in relation to the savages which called them, as well as a great number of the people, to the defense of our frontiers; and whereas, by the division of the counties of Randolph and St. Clair, the said sheriffs are not, by law, authorzed to make their collections in those counties.

"Be it enacted by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Illinois Territory, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the said sheriffs of Randolph and St. Clair counties shall have a right to finish their business and shall be allowed the further time of six months to make their collections and settle up their accounts in the same manner precisely as if no division of the counties of Randolph and St. Clair had taken place. This act to be in force from the passage thereof."

Mr. Wilson then moved to strike out the word "county" in the title of the bill between the words "Randolph" and "St. Clair," and to amend the amendment of the Council by inserting the word "counties" after the word "St. Clair" in the said title.

And on the question being put thereon the said motion was unanimously concurred in.

The question was then put on concurring with the Council in the other several amendments to the bill, and passed unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered that the clerk inform the Council thereof and request their concurrence to the said amendment made by this House to the amendment of the Council.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to regulate the General Court, and after some time spent therein the committee rose and Mr. Short reported that the committee of the whole have had the said bill under their consideration and had made considerable amendments thereto, which he delivered in at the clerk's table, where the same was read, as follows:

"An act concerning the General Court. Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives, and it is hereby enacted

by the authority of same, that the General Court shall hereafter be governed and regulated by the law of the Indiana Territory, approved September 17th, in 1807, except so far as the said law may be repugnant to this enactment hereinafter made.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the general court shall hold three sessions annually at Kaskaskia, on the fourth Mondays of April, August and December, yearly, and every year at each of which sessions the said court shall go through with all the business depending before them.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said general court shall not, hereafter, take jurisdiction of any sum under five hundred dollars.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in all cases and upon all points that shall be hereafter adjudicated by the said general court each judge thereof shall separately make a plain, but full, statement of the case or points decided, which statement with his opinion thereon, shall be by him reduced to writing and be recorded by the clerk in a record book to be provided for that purpose and for the convenience of recurring to their opinion it shall be the duty of the clerk to annex thereto, at the expiration of each term, an alphabetical list of the cases decided.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that nothing in this law contained shall be construed to effect any suit now depending in the General Court, either at Cahokia or at Kaskaskia, but all those so depending shall be tried and finally disposed [of] off as they would have been had this law never passed.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all and every law within the purview of this act shall be and the same is hereby repealed and that this act shall commence and be in force from the passage thereof."

And on the question being put on agreeing to the said amendment it passed in the affirmative.

The said bill as amended was then ordered to be engrossed, and after engrossment was read a third time.

Resolved that the said bill do pass and that the title be, "An act concerning the general court."

Ordered that the clerk carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

The bill vesting the judges of the general court with chancery powers was read the first time, and, the rule of the House being dispensed with, the said bill was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on this day.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their secretary.

"Mr. Speaker: The Council have concurred in the amendment made by this House to the amendments of the Council to the bill for the relief of the sheriffs of Randolph and St. Clair counties; the Council have also concurred in the bill from this House entitled, 'An act to amend an act entitled, An [act] regulating the practice in the general court and courts of common pleas, and for other purposes,' with sundry amendments, to which they request he concurrence of this House," and then he withdrew.

Ordered that the said bill with the amendments lie on the table until tomorrow.

On the motion of Mr. Short, and seconded, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill vesting the judges of the general court with chancery powers, and, after some time spent therein, the committee rose, and Mr. Short reported that the committee have had the said bill under consideration and made sundry amendments thereto, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table where the same was read as follows:

Strike out the nineteenth section and insert in lieu thereof the following: "That a clerk to the said court shall be appointed by the acting Governor of the Territory, who shall give bond, with security to be approved by said

Governor, in the penalty of one thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of such duties as are required, or hereafter may be required of him, which bond shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Territory.'

"Add to the twentieth section the following words: '*Provided, however*, that no injunction to stay proceedings at law shall be granted after thirty days next succeeding the end of the term at which the judgment sought to be enjoined shall be rendered.'

"Strike out the words 'two hundred dollars' in the twenty-seventh section and insert in lieu thereof 'fifty dollars.'

"Add to the end of the first section the following words, 'which said court shall be called and styled the general court of chancery.' "

And on the question being put on agreeing to the said amendment it passed unanimously in the affirmative.

The said bill was then ordered [engrossed] and was read a third time.

Resolved, that the said bill do pass and that the title be, "An act giving [the] to the judges of the general court chancery powers."

Ordered that the clerk inform the Council thereof and request their concurrence to the said amendments.

And then the House adjourned until tomorrow morrow morning 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

Mr. Wilson asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill concerning proceedings in civil cases; also a bill concerning frauds, which were received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time today.

Mr. Trammell asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill regulating elections, which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

The House then proceeded to consider the amendment of the Council to the bill, to amend the act entitled, "An act regulating the practice in the general court and courts of common pleas, and for other purposes," and the same being read at the Clerk's table, was, on the question being put thereon, concurred in.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Council thereof.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"Mr. Speaker:—The Council have rejected the bill from this House concerning courts of common pleas and fixing the times of holding terms in the several counties. They have passed a bill regulating the courts of common pleas and fixing the time of holding terms in the several counties to which they request the concurrence of this House;" and then he withdrew.

The bill from the Council regulating courts of common pleas and fixing the time of holding terms in the several counties, was read the first time, and on motion, was ordered to be engrossed and read a second time today.

The bill concerning frauds was read the second time, and, on motion, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House today.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill concerning frauds, and after some time spent therein the committee rose and the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Short reported that the committee of the whole have had the said bill under consideration and have gone through the same without amendment.

On motion, ordered that said bill be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"Mr. Speaker:—The Council have concurred in the bill from this House for the relief of Benjamin Stephenson, and for other purposes, with an amendment to which they request the concurrence of this House;" and then he withdrew.

The House then proceeded to consider the amendment made by the Council to the said bill, and the same being taken up and read at the Clerk's table, was as follows: "Strike out of the second section the following words, 'and be it further enacted that the Brigade Inspector shall, from and after the first day of January next, be entitled to receive for his services two dollars per day while in service as Brigade Inspector, to be paid annually out of any money in the Territorial treasury not otherwise appropriated, upon a certificate from the Brigadier General."

A motion was made by Mr. Oglesby and seconded to concur with the Council in the said amendment, and the question being put thereon it passed in the negative. The main question was then put, "Shall the House concur with the Council in the said amendment?" which question was decided in the negative.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Council thereof.

The bill concerning proceedings in civil cases was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow.

The engrossed bill from the Council regulating the courts of common pleas and fixing the time for holding the terms in [the] several counties was read a second time and ordered to be read a third time tomorrow.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"Mr. Speaker:—The Council insist on their amendment to the bill for the relief of Benjamin Stephenson, and for other purposes, which has been disagreed to by this House and ask a conference on the subject matter thereof."

The House proceeded to consider the said message from the Council upon the subject matter of the said amendment.

Whereupon, resolved that this House doth insist on their disagreement to the amendment aforesaid and agree to the conference asked by the Council and the subject matter thereof and appoint Mr. Wilson manager at the said conference on their part.

Ordered that the clerk inform the Council thereof.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"Mr. Speaker:—The Council adhere to their amendment to the bill for the relief of Benjamin Stephenson and for other purposes, and have appointed Mr. Ferguson manager of the conference on the subject matter thereof, on their part," and then he withdrew.

Mr. Wilson then offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives that both Houses will on to-morrow proceed to reconsider the enrolled bill to repeal part of certain laws and for other purposes,

And on the question being put thereon, it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered that the clerk carry said resolution to the Council and request their concurrence.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

Mr. Wilson asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to amend an act entitled, "An act regulating grist mills and millers, and for other purposes,"

which was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-day.

The bill to regulate elections was read a second time.

A motion was made by Mr. Oglesby to fill the blanks therein with the words: "First Thursday in October," which motion was on the question thereon being put passed in the negative.

Mr. Wilson then moved to fill the blanks in the said bill with the words: "First Thursday in September," which motion was on the question being put thereon agreed to.

Ordered that the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

The engrossed bill concerning frauds was read the third time.

The question was then put, "Shall the bill pass?" Resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays being demanded by the House.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

John Grammar, Jacob Short, Philip Trammell and Alexander Wilson.

[Yeas] 4.

Those who voted in the negative are:

Joshua Oglesby.

[Nays] 1.

Resolved, that the title of the bill be:

"An act concerning frauds."

Ordered that the clerk carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"Mr. Speaker:—The Council have concurred with this House in the amendments to the bill vesting the Judges of the Federal Court with chancery powers, with an amendment, to-wit: Strike out the word "general" in the last line of the first section, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Council have rejected the bill entitled, "An act to amend the several laws concerning the militia and for the relief of Quakers, Dunkards and other religious persons, conscientiously scrupulous of bearing arms." And then he withdrew.

The engrossed bill concerning proceedings in civil cases was read the third time.

Resolved that the said bill do pass and that the title be "An act concerning proceedings in civil cases."

Ordered that the clerk carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

The engrossed bill regulating the Courts of Common Pleas and fixing the time of holding terms in the several counties, was read the third time.

Resolved that the said bill do pass and that the title be "An act regulating the Courts of Common Pleas and fixing the time of holding terms in the several counties."

Ordered that the clerk inform the Council thereof.

The House then proceeded to consider the amendment of the Council to the amendment of this House to the bill entitled, "An act vesting the Judges of the General Court with Chancery powers."

And the same being read was, on the question being put thereon, concurred in.

Ordered that the clerk acquaint the Council therewith.

The engrossed bill regulating elections was read the third time.

Resolved, that the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act regulating elections."

Ordered that the clerk carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

The bill to amend an act entitled "An act regulating grist mills and millers and for other purposes," was read a second time and was ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Mr. Short asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill vesting the Courts of Common Pleas with power to try errors of Justices of the Peace which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

The Speaker, who has been absent since Saturday last in consequence of indisposition, now attended and took his seat.

Mr. Short asked and obtained leave to introduce a memorial and resolution to Congress, which was received and read and ordered to be laid over until tomorrow for further consideration.

And then the House adjourned until tomorrow morning 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

The House [of] resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole according to the order of the day on the bill to amend the act entitled, "An act regulating grist mills and millers and for other purposes," and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Grammar reported that the committee have had the said bill under consideration and agreed to report the same without amendment.

Ordered that the said bill be engrossed and read a third time today.

The bill vesting the Court of Common Pleas with power to try errors of Justices of the Peace was read a second time and ordered to be committed to a committee of the Whole House on today.

The House then, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the said bill and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Jones reported that the Committee of the Whole had gone through the said bill and had come to [the] following resolution thereon, viz.:

"Resolved that the bill ought not to pass," and on the question being put on agreeing to the report of the committee it was resolved in the affirmative.

And so the said bill was rejected.

The memorial and resolution to the Congress of the United States, presented by Mr. Short on yesterday, was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on today.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the said memorial and resolution and after some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Trammell reported that the committee have agreed to an amendment thereto which were [was] read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered that the said memorial and resolutions be engrossed and read tomorrow.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee [on] Enrollments, reported that the committee have compared the engrossed with the enrolled bills entitled, "An act for the relief of the Sheriffs of Randolph and St. Clair counties;" and "An act supplemental to an act entitled, "An act regulating the practice in the General Court and Courts of Common Pleas and for other purposes," and found the same truly enrolled.

Mr. Speaker then signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, that the Clerk carry the same to the Council.

The engrossed bill to amend an act entitled, "An act regulating grist mills and millers and for other purposes," was read the third time.

Resolved, that the said bill do pass and that the title be "An act to amend the act entitled, 'An act regulating grist mills and millers and for other purposes.' "

Ordered, that the Clerk do carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Oglesby asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to fix the places in the several counties at which the several courts shall be held and for other purposes, which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"Mr. Speaker: The Legislative Council have passed the bill entitled, 'An act for levying and collecting a tax on land,' with amendments to which they desire the concurrence of this House." And then he withdrew.

The House then proceeded to consider the amendments to the said bill, and the same be [being] taken up was read as follows: "Amend the second section by striking out the words 'or confirmation' and insert the words 'and confirmed' in the third line of said section; at the end of the tenth section amend by adding 'and provided also that if the owner of any tract or tracts of land for which the said tax shall be in arrears, or any person for him, shall on the day on which the said land shall be advertised for sale, as above mentioned, tender and deliver to the Sheriff, to be sold that day by him, at the place of sale as above mentioned, goods and chattels sufficient to make the said tax and costs so in arrears, then the Sheriff shall not sell the land or any part thereof, but shall make and levy the said tax in arrears by a public sale of such goods and chattels, rendering the overplus, if any, to the owner of such land or such person for him."

And on the question being put on concurring in the said amendments, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered that the Clerk acquaint the Council therewith.

Mr. Oglesby asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill authorizing Courts of Common Pleas to appoint commissioners, which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time today.

The House, then according to the order of the day, went into the consideration of a memorial to Congress and resolution to the delegate in Congress from this Territory, and the same being taken up, was read as follows:

Whereas, from the establishment of a land office in the Territory several years ago, a general opinion prevailed that the public land would shortly thereafter be offered for sale, whereby the great majority of the citizens now residing in the Territory were induced to move into it and settle themselves, hoping that they would have an opportunity of purchasing the land they occupied before they had made such ameliorations thereon as would tempt the competition of avaricious speculators, in which reasonable expectation they have been hitherto disappointed in consequence of the unexampled postponement of the sales owing to canses which are well understood and which it is unnecessary to detail; and,

Whereas, those good people have made valuable and permanent improvements on the land they thus occupied (at the same time that they have risked their lives in defending it against the barbarous savages who invaded it), but are now in danger of losing the whole value of their labor by competition at the sales or by the holders of unlocated claims being permitted to locate on their improvements;

And, whereas, the far greater portion of those unlocated claims are in the hands of a few individuals, who acquired them on easy terms, and few of whom were to be found among the brave volunteers whose services have lately saved their country from the ravages of a savage enemy, whilst those meritorious settlers composed the body of those volunteers; and,

Whereas, it is not to be supposed that the United States would wish to avail themselves of the enhanced value of those lands from the labor of others, and it would be manifestly unjust that it should fall into the hands of speculators or the holders of unlocated claims;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives, that our delegate in Congress be requested to use his best exertions to endeavor to prevail on Congress to pass a law to authorize actual settlers to locate any unlocated claim on their improvements, and that every person or persons having any unlocated claims may be entitled to locate their claims on unlocated lands that are within the bounds prescribed by the commissioners and within the settlements, and that such locations shall join some other located lands, but shall not be allowed to interfere with any improvement.

And, as Congress has passed a law granting the regular soldiers one quarter section of land for their services as regular soldiers, though they are found food and raiment and all other necessary accoutrements of war, exclusive of their wages, and the citizens of this territory have to support themselves and find their arms and ammunition and defend this territory, as well as the regulars, we therefore think that it would not be unjust for Congress to give each settler in this territory, who have not received a donation of land, the same quantity of land that the regulars are entitled to, and if this can not be granted, that they may have the pre-emption right to purchase the land they have settled on, and if neither of these measures can be obtained that the said settlers shall have the right to sue any purchaser or holder of unlocated claims who may purchase or appropriate to himself or herself such improvements, and recover the value thereof, and that the land so purchased or located by such purchaser or holder of any unlocated claim, shall be held liable for the value of the improvements thereon.

"Resolved that this resolution be transmitted to our Delegate in Congress by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Council."

And on the question being taken on agreeing to the said memorial and resolution it was unanimously concurred in.

Ordered that the clerk carry the same to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Oglesby asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to alter the fees of Justices of the Peace, which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time today.

Mr. Wilson, the manager appointed on the part of this House to confer with the manager on the part of the Council on the bill entitled, "An act for the relief of Benjamin Stephenson and for other purposes," reported as follows:

"The managers appointed by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives on the bill for the relief of Benjamin Stephenson and for other purposes, beg leave to report that it is deemed expedient by the managers that the amendment proposed by the Legislative Council to the said bill should be concurred in by the House of Representatives, with an amendment, towit: "Strike out the words 'and for other purposes' in the title of the bill."

And on the question being put on agreeing to the said report it was unanimously agreed to.

Ordered that the clerk inform the Council thereof and request their concurrence in the said amendment.

The bill for fixing the place of holding courts in the several counties was read the second time, and Mr. Jones offered an amendment thereto which was read and agreed to and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Hugh H. Maxwell:

"Mr. Speaker:—I am requested by the Governor to inform this House that he has approved and signed the bill entitled, 'An act for the relief of the sheriffs af Randolph and St. Clair counties,' " and then he withdrew.

Ordered that the clerk inform the Council thereof.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"Mr. Speaker:—The Legislative Council have concurred in the amendment to the bill for the relief of Benjamin Stephenson and for other purposes, as proposed by the managers and agreed to by this House," and then he withdrew.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"Mr. Speaker:—The Council have passed the bill entitled, 'An act concerning proceedings in civil case,' " and then he withdrew.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee of Enrollments, reported that the committee had compared the bills entitled, "An act regulating the Courts of Common Pleas, and fixing the times in the several counties;" "An act vesting the Judges of the General Court with Chancery powers," and "An act concerning proceedings in civil cases," and found the same truly enrolled.

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered that the clerk carry the said bills to the Council.

The bill authorizing the Courts of Common Pleas to appoint County Commissioners was read the second time and ordered to be read a third time tomorrow.

The bill concerning fees of Justices of the Peace was read the second time and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned until tomorrow morning 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

The bill to fix the place of holding Courts in the several counties was read the third time.

Resolved that the said bill do pass and that the title be "An act to fix the place of holding Courts in the several counties."

Ordered that the clerk carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

The House according to the order of the day resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the bill to alter the fees of Justices of the Peace and after some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Jones reported that the Committee of the whole had come to the following resolution, which was read as follows:

Resolved, That the further consideration of the bill to alter the fees of Justices of the Peace be posponed until the first day of the next session of the Legislature.

And on the question being put on agreeing to the said report it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Wilson from the Committee of Enrollments reported that the committee had waited on the Governor [and presented for his approval] the following enrolled bills with the following titles to-wit: "An act concerning proceedings in civil cases," "An act vesting the Judges of the General Court with Chancery powers," and "An act regulating the Courts of Common Pleas and fixing the time of holding terms in the several counties."

A message from the Governor by Mr. Hugh H. Maxwell.

"Mr. Speaker:—I am directed by the Governor to inform this House that he has approved and signed an enrolled bill entitled, "An act concerning proceedings in civil cases." And then he withdrew.

Ordered that the clerk acquaint the Council therewith.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary.

"Mr. Speaker:—The Governor has informed the Council that he has approved and signed the enrolled bills with the following titles: "An act vesting the Judges of the General Court with Chancery powers," and "An act regulating the Courts of Common Pleas and fixing the time of holding terms in the several counties." The Council have passed the bill entitled, 'An act concerning the General Court' with amendments to which they request the concurrence of this House," and then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr Oglesby and seconded, ordered that the bill authorizing the appointment of County Commissioners be committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The House then proceeded to consider the amendments of the Council to the bill entitled, "An act concerning the General Court," and the same being taken up was read as follows: Amend the second section by striking out the words "hold" and "sessions" and insert the word "two" in place thereof.

Strike out the words "fourth Mondays in April, August, and December" in the second section and insert the words "first Mondays of May and November" in lieu thereof.

In place of the fifth section, put the following:

"Sec. 5. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That hereafter there shall be no appeal or writ of error or any proceedings in the nature of either to the General Court from any court in this Territory upon any matter of fact, but in future the General Court shall take cognizance of matters of law only, by writ of error or appeal, neither of which shall issue in any case whatever until after final judgment in the Court of Common Pleas, and in no case shall there be any appeal from the judgment of a Justice of the Peace but that all appeals from the judgment of Justices of the Peace shall be final in the Courts of Common Pleas."

In place of the seventh section put the following:

"Sec. 7. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the law of the Indiana Territory establishing Circuit Courts be and the same is hereby repealed."

And on the question being taken on concurring with the said amendments it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Clerk inform the Council thereof. And then the House adjourned unntil Monday morning next at 10 o'clock.

Monday, December 25th, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

The Speaker not being present, Mr. Wilson was chosen Speaker *pro. tem.*

Mr. Short asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to amend an act entitled "An act to establish and regulate ferries," which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read the second time today.

The Speaker having now attended, resumed his chair.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Governor covering a letter from the Governor of the State of Kentucky, which was read as follows:

KASKASKIA, December 21st, 1812.

To the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Illinois Territory:

(*See copy in Council.*)

Mr. Wilson asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill for the appropriation of money, which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time today.

Mr. Wilson then moved the following resolution:

"Resolved, by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives, that it is a duty which this Legislature owes to their constituents to have all the laws of a general nature now in force in the Territory, printed and distributed for the information of the people at large. And, whereas, there is reason to believe that His Excellency, Governor Edwards, would undertake to point out those laws so that they might be printed with least expense to the public, and that he would superintend and contract for the printing of the same; therefore, be it resolved, that a joint committee be appointed from both Houses to confer with the Governor on the subject and inform the Legislature of the result thereof."

And on the question being put on agreeing to the said resolution, it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered that Mr. Wilson be appointed on the part of this House as a committee pursuant to said resolution, and that the Clerk carry the said resolution to the Council and request their concurrence.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"Mr. Speaker: The Governor has returned to the Council the enrolled bill entitled 'An act supplemental to the act entitled "An act regulating the practice in the General Court and Courts of Common Pleas and for other purposes," ' together with reasons of disapprobation;" and then he withdrew.

The said reasons of disapprobation were then taken up and read as follows:

"To the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of Illinois Territory:

"I return to the Legislature a bill entitled, 'An act supplemental to "An act regulating the practice of the General Court and Courts of Common Pleas," ' the second section of which appears to be liable to several serious objections.

"The whole system which has hitherto governed pleadings is entirely prostrated without any sufficient substitute. In lieu of the former rules, it enacts that rules and regulations shall be prescribed by the several courts to bring causes to issue, whereby the rule in one court may be entirely different from that of another in cases precisely analogous and the decisions may become unstable and fluctuating, producing that uncertainty which hitherto has been the reproach of the law. But more especially the above mentioned section would, if carried into operation, prevent any execution from being issued or returned, a consequence which I presume must have been overlooked by the Legislature.

NINIAN EDWARDS.

December 21st, 1812."

Mr. Wilson moved the following resolution, to-wit:

"Resolved, by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives, that a copy of the petition of this Legislature to the President of the United States on the subject of the affairs of this Territory, be transmitted to our delegate in Congress with a request that he will use his best exertions to promote the object of said petition with Congress and with the President of the United States."

And on taking the question on agreeing to the said resolution, it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Clerk carry the same to the Council and request their concurrence.

Mr. Short asked and obtained leave to present a petition from Peggy Wright, widow of Captain Tolover Wright, deceased, praying that the Legislature may request the General Government to allow the petitioner and her family, consisting of nine infant children, a donation of land or a pension for their maintenance, in consequence of her said husband having died of a wound which he received in public service under the command of Governor Edwards in his late expedition to the head of Peoria's lake. Which being received and read, Mr. Short offered the following resolution, which was unanimously concurred in:

"Resolved, by the Legislalive Council and House of Representatives, that the Governor of the Territory be requested to forward the petition of Mrs. Peggy Wright to our delegate in Congress with a request to him to endeavor to procure relief of Congress according to the prayer of this petion."

Ordered, that the Clerk carry the said petition and resolution to the Council and request their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Jones, and seconded,

"Resolved, that this House will now reconsider the enrolled bill entitled, 'An act supplemental to the act regulating the practice in the General Court and Courts of Common Pleas and for other purposes.'"

The House then proceeded to reconsider the said enrolled bill.

"Resolved, that the second section of the said bill be stricken out and that the same be carried to the Legislative Council with a request that they concur therein."

Ordered, that the Clerk carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Maxwell:

"Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Governor to lay before the Legislature a message in writing;" and then he withdrew.

The said written message was then taken up and read as follows:

"Kaskaskia, Dec. 21, 1812.

"To the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Illinois Territory:

"Last night I had the honor to receive a letter from the Honorable Wm. Eustis, Secretary [of] War, dated October 24th, 1812, in which he states that Lieutenant Whitlock, the district paymaster, has funds and instructions for paying the Rangers and Militia. This letter is in answer to one I had written on the subject, and I now communicate it for the information of yourselves and your constituents."

Mr. Wilson, who had forgotten to bring with him, from home, at the commencement of the session [his certificate of election] now presented his certificate thereof, which was found to be in due form.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"Mr. Speaker: The Council have passed the bill entitled, 'An act regulating elections,' with amendments to which they request the concurrence of this House."

The House according to order resolved itself into [a] committee of the whole on the bill concerning the appointment of county commissioners, and after sometime spent therein the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jones reported that the committee had gone through the said bill with amendments.

Ordered, that the said bill, with amendments, be engrosed and read a third time tomorrow.

The House then adjourned until half after 4 o'clock this afternoon. At half after four o'clock a quorum of members not attending, the House was adjourned until tomorrow morning 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

The bill for the appropriation of money was read the second time and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

The bill to amend the [act] entitled, "An act regulating Ferries," was read the second time and ordered to be read the third time tomorrow.

The House then proceeded to consider the amendments of the Council to the bill Regulating Elections, and the same being read, it was,

Resolved that the House do concur in the said amendments.

Ordered that the clerk inform the Council thereof.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary.

"Mr. Speaker:—The Council have concurred in the resolutions from this House relative to instructing our Delegate in Congress to procure a law to give settlers the right of locating unlocated claims on their improvements, &c. They have reconsidered the 7th section of the bill entitled, 'An act for levying and collecting a tax on land,' and have resolved to strike out the words 'suffer the pains or penalties of perjury and'—They have also reconsidered the 5th section of the bill entitled, 'An act concerning the General Courts,' and have resolved to add the word 'Certioraris' in the first line of the said 5th section to which reconsiderations and amendments they desire the concurrence of this House," and then he withdrew.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendments of the Council, and on the question being put on agreeing to the amendments in the first said bill it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Speaker asked and obtained leave of absence for an hour and Mr. Short was chosen Speaker *protem.*

The question was then put on agreeing to the second bill and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays being demanded by the House. Those who voted in the affirmative are, John Grammer, William Jones, Philip Trammell, and Alexander Wilson. [Yeas] 4.

And those who voted in the negative are, Joshua Oglesby. [Nay] 1.

So the said amendments were concurred in.

Ordered that the clerk acquaint the Council therewith.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"Mr. Speaker:—The Council have passed the bill entitled, 'An act concerning frauds,' with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. They have also passed the bill to amend the act entitled, 'An act regulating grist mills and millers and for other purposes.'"

"They have also concurred with this House in the resolution requesting the Governor to transmit the petition of Peggy Wright to our Delegate in Congress," and then he withdrew.

Mr. Trammell asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill concerning juries, which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time today.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"Mr. Speaker:—The Council have concurred in the resolution from this House respecting the printing of the laws and have appointed Mr. Biggs on their part a committee of conferrence pursuant to said resolution."

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee of Enrollments, reported that the committee have compared the following enrolled with the engrossed bills and found them truly enrolled, to-wit: "An act for levying and collecting a tax on land," "An act concerning the General Court," and "An act for the relief of Benjamin Stephenson."

Mr. Speaker then signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered that the clerk carry the same to the Council.

Mr. Oglesby asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill concerning fines and forfeitures which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"Mr. Speaker:—The Council have passed the bill entitled, 'An act fixing the places of holding Courts in the several counties,' with amendments to which they desire the concurrence of this House," and then he withdrew.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendments, and the same beeing taken up were read as follows: "In the 28th line of the 3d section, after the word 'place,' insert the following: '1st. Except Johnson [county] which said Commissioners shall be bound to find the centre of said county as near as possible and not extend more than three miles from said center for situation.' '2nd. and for the county of St. Clair as near the center as may be consistent to the population of the inhabitants thereof.'"

Mr. Grammar offered the following amendment which was agreed to, to-wit: "Add to the end of the first amendment the following: "Provided that an eligible situation for a county seat can be found within the distance aforesaid, if not, then the nearest eligible place to the center as ascertained.'"

And on the question being put on agreeing to the said amendments, as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Council thereof and desire their concurrence.

The bill concerning Jurors was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23D, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

The Bill to amend an act entitled "An act to establish and regulate Ferries," was read the third time.

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass and that the title be, "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to establish and regulate Ferries.'"

Ordered that the clerk carry the sd. Bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

The House then proceeded to consider the amendments of the Council to the Bill entitled "An act concerning frauds," to-wit: "Strike out the 5th section and add to the 11th line of the 3d. section the words, 'To the best of their knowledge.'"

And on the question being put on concurring with the Council to the said amendments it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered that the clerk inform the Council thereof.

The Bill concerning fines and forfeitures was read a second time and ordered to be read a third time today.

The Bill concerning Juries was read a third time.

Resolved that the said Bill do pass and that the title be, "An act concerning Juries."

Ordered that the clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Wilson from the joint committee appointed to confer with the Governor pursuant to the resolution of both Houses, on Monday last, relative to printing the laws reported that the Committee have, according to order, performed that service and received for answer from the Governor that it would give him pleasure to serve the Legislature and the Territory in any manner in his power. That he will if possible execute their wishes in relation to the subject of the resolution of the Legislature, provided nothing more eligible occurs to the Legislature.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas their Sec't'y.

"Mr. Speaker. The Council disagree to the amendment of this House to the amendment of the Council to the Bill entitled, 'An act fixing the place of holding Courts in the several Counties,' " and then he withdrew.

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Thomas their Secretary.

"Mr. Speaker: The Council have passed the Bill entitled 'An act concerning Juries,' " and then he withdrew.

Mr. Oglesby asked and obtained leave to bring in a Bill "concerning the Ancient records in this Territory," which was recd. and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time today.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the Bill for the appropriation of money and after some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jones reported that the Committee have had the said Bill under their consideration and made sundry amendments thereto which he delivered in at the clerk's table where the same were read and concurred in by the House.

The said Bill was then read the third time.

Resolved that the said Bill do pass and that the title be, "An act making appropriation of money for the ensuing year and for other purposes."

Ordered that the clerk carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Hugh H. Maxwell:

"Mr. Speaker:—I am directed by the Governor to inform this House that he has approved and signed an act entitled, 'An act for levying and collecting a tax on land,' also an act entitled 'An act for the relief of Benjamin Stephenson'," and then he withdrew.

Ordered that the clerk inform the Council thereof.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their secretary:

"Mr. Speaker:—The council have passed the bill entitled, 'An act to amend the act to regulate and establish ferries', with amendments to which they desire the concurrence of this House;" and then he withdrew.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendments of the Council to the said bill and, the same being taken up and read, was, on the question being put, concurred in by the House.

Ordered that the clerk inform the Council thereof.

The House then proceeded to consider the amendments of the Council to the bill entitled, "An act to fix the place of holding courts in the several counties," and on the question being put on receeding from the amendment made by this House to the amendments of the Council it was resolved in the affirmative. The question was then put on agreeing to the amendments of the Council, and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered that the clerk inform the Council thereof.

Mr. Wilson asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill concerning seals to process which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time today.

The bill authorizing the appointment of county commissioners was, after being considerably amended and engrossed, read a third time.

Resolved that the said bill do pass and that the title be, "An act authorizing the appointment of county commissioners and for other purposes."

Ordered that the clerk carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their secretary:

"Mr. Speaker:—The Council have disagreed to reconsider the enrolled bill entitled, 'An act supplemental to an act entitled, An act regulating the

practice in the general court and courts of common pleas and for other purposes,' and have passed a bill with the same title to which they desire the concurrence of this House;" and then he withdrew.

Mr. Wilson asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to repeal the act entitled, "An act to prevent unlawful gaming," which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read the second time tomorrow.

The bill from the Council entitled, "An act supplemental to an act entitled, 'an act regulating the practice in the general court and courts of common pleas, and for other purposes," was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

The bill concerning the "ancient records in this territory was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow.

The bill concerning fines and forfeitures was read the third time.

Resolved that the said bill do pass and that the title be, "An act concerning fines and forfeitures."

Ordered that the clerk carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

The bill concerning seals to process was read the second time, and ordered to be read a third time tomorrow.

Mr. Wilson asked and obtained leave to present a memorial and sundry resolutions to our delegate in Congress, which was received and read the first time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a second time tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

Mr. Wilson asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill for printing the laws of this Territory. which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time today.

The bill to repeal the act entitled, "An act to prevent unlawful gaming," was read the second time and ordered to be read the third time today.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their secretary:

"Mr. Speaker:—The Council have passed the bill entitled, 'An act concerning fines and forfeitures'," and then he withdrew.

The bill entitled, "An act supplemental to an act to regulate the practice in the general court and courts of common pleas and for other purposes," was read the second time and ordered to be read a third time today.

On motion of Mr. Trammell and seconded.

Resolved that the bill for the safe keeping of the ancient records and papers in this Territory be committed to a committee of the whole House on this day.

The bill concerning seals to law process was read the third time.

Resolved that the said bill do pass and that the title be, "An act concerning seals to law process."

Ordered that the clerk carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to consider the following address and Resolutions which was read as follows, to-wit:

"Whereas the sale of public lands will ere long be directed by the President of the United States, and

"Whereas the Legislature of this Territory will avail itself of its legitimate right of taxing all lands sold, unless a composition is entered into by this

Territory and the United States, relative thereto, and which in time may place the people of the Illinois Territory on a similar footing with the people of their sister Territory (now the State of Ohio.)

"By the act of Congress of the 30th of April, 1802, it will be seen that propositions were made to the people of the State of Ohio which induced the Convention to waive the right of the state to tax any land sold by the United States for five years from and after the day of sale; on condition (among others) that one township of land including the Saline on the Sciota river and two sections including the Saline of the Muskingum should be conveyed to and become the property of the State.

"And Whereas, this Territory has and will have similar equivalent to offer to the General Government for the fee of one township, including the Saline on the Saline creek, in this Territory. Therefore, be it

"Resolved by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives, that the Legislature of this Territory in behalf of the people of the said Territory will on their part conform to and be bound by propositions similar to those contained in the aforesaid act; and which said propositions when acceeded to shall be taken and held as a compact irrevocable between the United States and the people of this Territory.

"Resolved that our Delegate to Congress be requested to procure a resolution declaratory of the intention of Congress on this subject, and that he use his exertions to obtain concessions similar in all respects to those contained in the act of Congress within mentioned.

"Resolved that our said Delegate endeavor to procure instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury authorizing the designation of the College township, reserved to the people of this Territory, by the ordinance and act of 1804.

"And Whereas labor in this Territory is abundant and laborers, at this time extremely scarce, so much so that the lessees, or others, engaged in making salt at the Saline near Shawneetown, can progress only on a small scale.

"Resolved, therefore, that our Delegate be requested to use his exertions to procure a law authorizing the introduction of Negroes into the reserved tract called the Saline on the Saline creek, from the State of Kentucky, or elsewhere, to be employed within the said tract for any term not exceeding three years, at the expiration of which said term, the master of such Negroes shall be at liberty to re-conduct the said Negro slave or slaves to any state or territory where slavery is tolerated, any act to the contrary notwithstanding.

"And if the foregoing be not granted, be it

"Resolved that our Delegate in Congress use his best endeavors to obtain an appropriation from the General Government to open a road from Shawneetown on the Ohio river to the Saline and from thence, the most direct way, to Kaskaskia, and that some suitable person be appointed to superintend the opening of the said road.

"Resolved, that the foregoing resolutions be signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Legislative Council and be by them transmitted to our Delegate in Congress.

"And on the question being put on agreeing to the said Resolutions it was resolved in the affirmative."

Ordered that the clerk carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

The House according to the order of the day Resolved itself into [a] committee of the whole on the bill for the safe keeping of the ancient records in this Territory and after some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jones reported that the committee of the whole have had the said bill under their consideration and had agreed to some amendments therein. And on the question being put, on agreeing thereto, it passed in the affirmative and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

The bill for printing the laws was read a second time and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole on this day.

The House then accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the said bill, and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Jones reported the bill without amendments.

Ordered that the said bill be engrossed and read a third time today.

The bill to repeal the act to prevent unlawful gaming was read a third time.

Resolved that the said bill do pass and that the title be, "An act to repeal the act to prevent unlawful gaming."

Ordered that the clerk carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

The bill entitled, "An act supplemental to an act entitled 'an act regulating the practice in the General Court and Courts of Common Pleas and for other purposes,'" was read the third time.

Resolved that the said bill do pass.

Ordered that the clerk inform the Council thereof.

The bill for the safe keeping of the ancient records was read the third time.

Resolved that the said bill do pass and that the title be, "An act for the safe keeping of the ancient records in this Territory."

Ordered that the clerk carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"Mr. Speaker:—The Council have passed the bill entitled, 'An act authorizing the appointment of County Commissioners and for other purposes,' with amendments to which they desire the concurrence of this House," and then he withdrew.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"Mr. Speaker:—The Council have concurred with this House in the memorial and resolutions to our Delegate in Congress," and then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Wilson and seconded,

Resolved, that the journals of the Legislature of the Illinois Territory for the year 1812 be deposited with the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Randolph county for safe keeping.

The House then proceeded to consider the amendments of the Council to the bill entitled, "An act authorizing the appointment of County Commissioners," and the same being read was, on the question being put thereon, concurred in.

Ordered that the clerk inform the Council thereof.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"Mr. Speaker:—The Council have passed the bill entitled, 'An act to repeal the act to prevent unlawful gaming;' and the bill entitled, 'An act for the safe keeping of the ancient records and papers in this Territory.' They have also passed the bill entitled, 'An act for the appropriation of money for the ensuing year and for other purposes,' with amendments to which they desire the concurrence of this House," and then he withdrew.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendments to the said bill, and the same being taken up, was read as follows: "1st. Strike out the words 'three dollars' in the first and second sums allowed to members of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives and insert two dollars in lieu thereof.' "2d. Strike out 'four dollars for the Secretary of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives' and insert 'three dollars' in lieu thereof. "3d. Strike out 'three dollars' for the enrolling and engrossing clerk to both Houses and 'three dollars' to the doorkeeper to both Houses and insert 'two dollars' in lieu thereof."

And on the question being put on agreeing to the said amendments it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered that the clerk inform the Council thereof.

Mr. Trammell asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill supplemental to the several laws concerning the Militia which was received and read the first and second time and ordered to be read a third time today.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas their Sec't'y:

"Mr. Speaker: The Council have passed the Bill entitled, 'An act concerning seals to law process,'" and then he withdrew.

Mr. Wilson from the Committee of Enrollments reported that the Committee have compared the enrolled bills, with the following titles, with the engrossed copies and find them truly enrolled to-wit: "An act concerning frauds," "An act to amend an act entitled, 'An act regulating Grist Mills and Millers and for other purposes.'" "An act to fix the places of holding Courts in the several counties," and "An act concerning Jurors."

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled Bills.

Ordered that the clerk carry the same to the Council.

The Bill for printing the laws was read the third time.

Resolved that the said Bill do pass and that the title be, "An act for printing the laws of this Territory."

Ordered that the clerk carry the said Bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

The Bill supplemental to the several laws concerning the Militia was read the third time.

Resolved that the said Bill do pass and that the title be, "An act supplemental to the several laws concerning the Militia."

Ordered that the clerk carry the said Bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

And then the House adjourned until tomorrow morning 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25TH, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

Mr. Wilson from the Committee of Enrolled Bills reported that the Committee have presented to the Governor sundry enrolled Bills for his approbation with the following titles, to-wit: "An act to amend 'An act regulating Grist Mills and Millers and for other purposes.'" "An act concerning frauds." "An act concerning Jurors," and "An act to fix the places of holding Courts in the several Counties."

A message from the Governor by Mr. Maxwell.

"Mr. Speaker:—I am directed by the Governor to inform this House that he has approved and signed sundry enrolled bills with the following titles, to-wit: 'An act to amend an act regulating grist mills and millers and for other purposes', 'An act concerning frauds', 'An act concerning jurors', and 'An act to fix the place of holding courts in the several counties'," and then he withdrew.

Mr. Wilson asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill fixing the salaries of certain public officers for one year, which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time today.

On motion of Mr. Trammell,

The bill was read a second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole house on this day.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on said bill and after some time spent therein the committee rose and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Short reported that the committee have had the said bill under their consideration and have filled the blanks therein.

And on the question being put on agreeing to the report of the committee it passed in the affirmative

On motion and seconded,

The rule of the House being dispensed with the said bill was then read the third time.

Resolved that the said bill do pass and that the title be, "An act fixing the salaries of certain public officers for one year."

Ordered that the clerk carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Wilson moved the following resolution:

Resolved, that so much of the resolution that deposits the journals of the Legislature of the Illinois Territory with the clerk of the court of common pleas of Randolph county shall be dissolved (?) and that they be deposited with the Secretary of the Territory to be by him safely kept.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their Sec't'y:

"Mr. Speaker:—The Council have passed the bills with the following titles, to-wit: 'An act supplemental to the several laws concerning the Militia,' 'An act for printing the laws,' and 'An act fixing the salaries of certain officers and for other purposes','' and then he withdrew.

Mr. Wilson then offered the following resolution, which was concurred in:

Resolved that a joint committee be appointed by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives to wait on the Governor of this Territory and inform him that the Legislature have now finished the business now before them, and if consistent with his views that they are desirous to adjourn until the second Monday in November next, and that if he has any further communications to make to the Legislature at the present session that he will be pleased to make the same as early as possible.

Ordered that the clerk carry the said resolution to the Council and desire [their] concurrence.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their Sec't'y;

"Mr. Speaker:—The Legislative Council have concurred in the resolution for adjournment and have appointed Mr. Talbott, on their part, to join such Com. on the part of this house to wait on the Governor."

Ordered that Mr. Oglesby be appointed on the part of this house, to join the member appointed by the Council, and wait on the Gov. pursuant to said resolution.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee of Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee have examined and compared the enrolled bills with the engrossed with the following titles, to-wit: "An act authorizing the appointment of county commissioners and for other purposes," and "An act regulating elections" and also certain resolutions with memorials to our delegate in Congress.

Mr. Speaker then signed the said bills and resolutions.

Ordered that the clerk then carry the said bills to the Council.

Mr. Wilson reported that the committee have presented to the Gov. for his approbation the last mentioned bills.

A message from the Governor by Mr. Maxwell:

"Mr. Speaker:—I am directed by the Gov. to inform this House that he has approved and signed two enrolled bills with the following titles, to-wit: 'An act authorizing the appointment of county commissioners and for other purposes,' and 'An act regulating elections;'" and then he withdrew.

Ordered that the clerk inform the Council thereof.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee of Enrolled Bills, reported the following truly enrolled, to-wit: "An act fixing the salaries of certain public officers for one year," "An act supplemental to the several laws concerning the militia," "An act supplemental to an act regulating the practice in the Gen-

eral Court and Courts of Common Pleas, and for other purposes," "An act to establish and regulate ferries," "An act concerning fines and forfeitures," "An act for the removal and safe keeping of the ancient records and papers in this Territory'" "An act concerning the General Court," and "An act to repeal an act to prevent unlawful gaming."

Mr. Speaker then signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered that the clerk carry the same to the Council.

And then the House adjourned until tomorrow morning, 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1812.

The House of Representatives met.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their Sec't'y:

"Mr. Speaker:—The Council have passed a bill entitled, 'An act to repeal part of an act entitled, An act regulating the fees of certain officers,'' and also 'An act supplemental to an act entitled, An act to fix the places of holding courts in the several counties,' to which they desire the concurrence of this House," and then he withdrew.

The House then proceeded to consider the said bill entitled, "An act to repeal part of an act entitled, 'An act regulating the fees of certain officers,' " and the same being taken up and read the first time. The question was then put, "Shall the bill be read a second time?" it was resolved in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

Ordered that the clerk inform the Council thereof.

The bill entitled "An act supplemental to an act to fix the places of holding courts in the several counties," was read the first time, and the rule of the House being dispensed with the said bill was read a second and a third time.

Resolved that the bill do pass.

Ordered that the clerk inform the Council thereof.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee of Enrolled bills reported that the Committee have presented to the Governor for his approbation the following bills, to-wit: "An act supplemental to the several laws concerning the militia," "An act supplemental to an act regulating the practice in the General Court and Courts of Common Pleas and for other purposes," "An act to amend an act entitled, 'An act to establish and regulate ferries,' " "An act concerning fines and forfeitures," "An act for the removal and safe keeping of the ancient records and papers in this Territory," "An act concerning the General Court," "An act to repeal an act to prevent unlawful gaming."

Mr. Wilson also reported that the Committee have compared the engrossed with the enrolled bills entitled, "An act making appropriations of money for the ensuing year," and "An act for printing the laws of this Territory," and found the same truly enrolled.

Ord. clerk carry sd. bills to the council.

A message from the Gov. by Mr. Maxwell:

"Mr. Speaker:—I am directed by the Governor to inform this House that he has approved several enrolled bills with the following titles, to-wit: 'An act entitled, an act to establish and regulate ferries,' 'An act supplemental to the several laws concerning the militia,' 'An act supplemental to an act regulating the practice in the General Court and Courts of Common Pleas and for other purposes,' 'An act for the removal and safe keeping of the ancient records and papers in this Territory,' 'An act concerning the General Court,' 'An act concerning fines and forfeitures,' 'An act to repeal an act to prevent unlawful gaming','' and then he withdrew.

Ordered that the clerk inform the Council.

Mr. Trammell asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to amend the Militia law of this Territory which was recd. and read the first time, and the rules of the House being dispensed with the said bill was read a second and a third time.

Resolved that the said bill do pass and that the title be, "An act to amend the Militia law of this Territory."

Ordered that the clerk carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Trammell asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill concerning the clerks' fees in the Court of Chancery and for other purposes which was recd. and read the first time and the rule of the House being dispensed with the said bill was read a second and a third time.

Resolved that the said bill do pass and that the title be, "An act concerning the clerk's fees in the Court of Chancery and for other purposes."

Ordered that the clerk carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Trammell asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill supplemental to an act entitled, "An act concerning the General Court," which was received and read the first time and the rule of the House being dispensed with the said bill was read the second and a third time.

Resolved that the said bill do pass and that the title be, "An act supplemental to the act entitled, 'an act concerning the General Court.'"

Ordered that the clerk carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Council by Mr. Thomas, their Secretary:

"Mr. Speaker: The Council have passed the following bills to-wit: "An act concerning the clerk's fees in the Court of Chancery and for other purposes," "An act supplemental to the act entitled, 'An act concerning the General Court,'" "An act to amend the Militia law of this Territory," and then he withdrew.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee of Enrollments, reported that they have compared the following enrolled bills with the engrossed and find them truly enrolled, to-wit: "An act supplemental to an act entitled, 'An act to fix the places of Courts in the several Counties,'" "An act supplemental to the act entitled 'An act concerning the General Court,'" "An act concerning the clerk's fees in the Court of Chancery and for other purposes," "An act to amend the Militia law in this Territory."

Mr. Speaker then signed said bills.

Ordered, that the clerk carry the same to the Council.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee of Enrollments, reported that the committee have presented to the Governor for his approbation sundry enrolled bills with the following titles, to-wit: ,'An act to amend the Militia law of this Territory," "An act making appropriation of money for the ensuing year," "An act for printing the laws of this Territory," "An act supplemental to the act entitled, 'An act to fix the place of holding Courts in the several counties,'" "—n act supplemental to an act entitled, 'An act concerning the General Court,'" "An act concerning the clerk's fees in the Court of Chancery and for other purposes," "An act fixing the salaries of certain public officers for one year."

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Maxwell.

"Mr. Speaker. I am directed by the Governor to inform this House that he has approved and signed sundry enrolled bills with the following titles, to-wit: "An act fixing the salaries of certain public officers for one year," "An act supplemental to an act entitled, 'An act concerning the general court,'" "An act supplemental to an act entitled, 'An act to fix the place of holding courts in the several counties,'" "An act for printing the laws of this Territory," "An act making appropriations of money for the ensuing year

and for other purposes," "An act to amend the militia law of this Territory," "An act concerning the clerk's fees in the court of chancery and for other purposes."

Ordered that the clerk inform the Council thereof.

The Legislature having now finished the business before them, on motion, it was resolved that the Governor be informed thereof.

The members of the Legislative Council accompanied by their President and the members of the House of Representatives, accompanied by their Speaker, being assembled in the chamber of the House of Representatives, the Governor of the Territory in person then prorogued the Legislature in the following words:

"Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

By virtue of the powers vested in the Governor of this Territory I do now prorogue the Legislature till the second Monday in November next.

[Signed.] NINIAN EDWARDS.

Attest: WM. C. GREENUP, Clerk H. R.

December 26th, 1812."

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An act concerning the General Court	101	101	102	104	104	112	123	123	103, 112, 113, 115.
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An act regulating elections	105	105	107	107	108	114	122	122	106, 114, 115
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An act to amend an act to establish and regulate ferries	112	112	115	116	116	117	123	123	116, 117
FRAUDS.									
An act concerning frauds	105	105	105	107	107	115	121	121	105, 107, 115, 116
GAMING.									
An act to repeal the act to prevent unlawful gaming	118	118	118	120	120	120	123	123	
JURIES.									
An act concerning juries	115	115	116	116	116	117	121	121	
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.									
An act to extend the jurisdiction of justices the peace	97	97	97	....	....	....	....	....	99
Act altering fees of justices of the peace	110	110	111	....	....	....	....	....	111
LAWS.									
An act for printing the laws of this Territory	118	118	120	121	121	122	123	124	120
An act declaring what laws are in force in the Illinois Territory	95	95	96	96	96	98	98	102	95, 96, 98, 99
MILITIA.									
An act to amend the militia laws of this Territory	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	125	
An act supplemental to the several laws concerning the militia	121	121	121	121	121	122	122	123	
MILLS AND MILLERS.									
An act to amend the act entitled, "An act regulating grist mills and millers and for other purposes	106	107	108	109	109	115	121	121	108, 115
PROCEEDINGS.									
An act concerning proceedings in civil cases	105	105	106	107	107	111	111	112	
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An act for the safe keeping of the ancient records of this Territory	117	117	118	120	120	120	123	123	118, 119

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RELIEF.									
An act to amend the several laws concerning the militia and for the relief of Quakers, Dunkards, etc	100	100	101	103	103	107	....	....	101, 102, 103.....
An act for the relief of the sheriffs of Randolph and St. Clair counties	100	100	101	101	101	104	108	111	103, 109.....
An act for the relief of Benjamin Stephenson and for other purposes	100	100	101	102	102	111	115	117	102, 106, 110.....
REPEAL.									
An act to repeal parts of certain acts and for other purposes	96	96	96	97	97	99	101	....	96, 97, 99, 100, 101 106.....
SALARIES.									
An act fixing the salaries of certain public officers for one year	121	121	121	122	122	122	122	124	121.....
SEALS.									
An act concerning seals to law process	117	117	118	118	118	121	....	....	.....
TAXATION.									
An act for levying and collecting a tax on land	100	100	101	103	103	115	115	117	101, 102, 109, 115.

COUNCIL BILLS IN THE HOUSE.

Title.	Reported	First reading	Second reading	Third reading	Passed	Enrolled	Approved	Other Proceedings
COURTS.								
An act supplemental to the act entitled, "An act regulating the practice in the General court and courts of common pleas and for other purposes"	117	118	118	120	120	122	123	108, 109, 113, 114.....
An act supplemental to an act entitled, "An act to fix the places of holding courts in the several counties	123	123	123	123	123	124	124	.....
An act vesting the judges of the general court with chancery powers	101	104	104	105	105	111	112	102, 104, 107.....
An act regulating the courts of common pleas and fixing the time of holding terms in the several counties	105	105	105	105	105	111	112	106, 107.....
FEES AND SALARIES.								
An act to repeal part of an act entitled, "An act regulating the fees of certain officers."	123	123	....	....	....	....	....	123.....

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